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GANG TERROR

Intimidation, senseless violence, robbery and even murder have become the hallmarks of increasing numbers of teenage gangs that surround the streets of many major Canadian cities. These organizations of Asians, Latin Americans, blacks and middle-class whites are a source of rising concern among law-enforcement officials and law-abiding citizens of all ages across the land. — 26

WORLD

BRUTE POLITICS

Following a tumultuous May 7 presidential election and the brutal suppression of opposition protests in Panama by Gen. Manuel Noriega, U.S. President George Bush dispatched 1,800 additional troops to the beleaguered Central American country to protect the lives of American nationals. — 27



FILMS

PARTY-GIRL SCANDAL

When London show girl Christine Keeler revealed in 1963 that she had slept with both British War Secretary John Profumo and an alleged Soviet spy, she caused an uproar that led to her government's downfall. Scandal, a new British movie, reconstructs the episode with passion and sensitivity. — 28

LETTERS

DISCLOSING SECRETS

Doing itself of Global Television has done a great disservice to our country by going public with the budget document he received ("The tax squeeze," *Canada/Cover*, May 10). The greater evil would have been to sit on it. Repeatedly releasing a document that would cause international damage to Canada's special values and its feelings for Canada. Ed Broadbent and John Turner's self-righteous posturing on the issue of the budget leak is prime face evidence that politicians are lack-
advertising, for, surely the show on the money line, their story would be different. It is a sad day for our country when personal, corporate or party gain is of more importance than the country.

Eric Pedersen,
Calgary

GOLF'S GIFTS

Favorite words of the year: Maclean's columnist's coverage of the world's biggest golf nation the United States in the previous year's pleasant land of golf ("The hottest game," *Cover*, April 10), only to have someone beside the editors for covering a "leakage" puzzle ("Remembering a golfer," *Letters*, May 11). Come on. What about golf's gift to the preservation of grass and trees and fresh air, in contrast with the concrete slabs dedicated to rock concerts and football stadiums?

Gonzalo A. McGill,
New York City

LIVING IN DARKNESS

When discussing racism ("Assault on racism," *Canada*, April 24), the focus of the column should not be the poor ignorance whom beside have police response to anyone or anything different in the convertible reaction of anyone living in darkness. Such people are easily offended and influenced by the rumors heard on the streets and fueled by the media. These people are a class in the heart of the media's reaction of the business world who seek to beat down any possible competition from the "homicides." The first major business people have of corruption is as strong as the acceptance of the Arctic business.

Ed Donohue,
St. Catharines, Ont.

CLEARLY, A MESSAGE

Regarding your April 24 issue (and *Newsweek*). Clearly, the word "clarity" is overused. Here you executed the clarity it is used? Your writers may wish to consider some other variant such as lucidity, unambiguously, obviously or laudibly. Or to just drop it.

Marshall Street
Apprentice Ont.



Turner's self-righteous posturing

ENTERTAINING NEWS

George Stein's column "Entertainment disclosed as news" (*Debris Watch*, April 24) accused *ABC's* *The Journal* of presenting entertainment instead of news. *The Journal* is not neglecting its assignment of news in depth by using music and dramatic camera work while presenting headline stories. *The Journal* maintains its standards of accuracy while attempting to draw viewers who require a live dis-

count during an hour of oil spills, tax increases and world. It serves such as background music can lead to increased public awareness. *The Journal* has covered the news as depth, as promised.

Darlene T. Baker,
Trenton, Ont.

ETHICAL CONFLICTS

Regarding "Life-and-death issues" (*Medicine*, May 13), it might be interesting to know that faculty members usually turn to the most available personnel in the museum care unit to help them resolve ethical conflicts—namely, the bedside nurse. An experienced nurse will often have accurate gut feelings about the relevance of the treatment. And we can afford to be more candid and objective than the physicians, who have litigation concerns. But the painful and emotional nature of the questions with which we are confronted is sometimes too much for us to bear.

Sharon Murphy-Drayton,
ICU nurse,
Windsor, Ont.

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PASSAGES

DIED: Henry Lee Lee, 67, founder of one of Canada's most respected law firms, head of the 1987 royal commission that led to the Notorious Bunchy Award, and for 17 years president of the Toronto-based multinational corporation, it has been in Toronto, a company lawyer. Born in 1924, married Ruth and Bill, which now comprises 200 lawyers. In 1966, he became head of the Canadian Trustee, Light & Power Co. Ltd. and directed the growth of the company, now called *Reunion Ltd.*, one of the country's largest. A Hindu, Lee was an expert on the life of his state. He died of a heart attack in 1991. He was born in 1924 and died in 1991. He was born in 1924 and died in 1991.



REMOVED: John Mack, 35, as chief aide in U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright, whose removal was the last Mack was paid for the last 1973 leading, leading and leaving for death of a 36-year-old woman. Wright, under pressure to resign because of suspected conflict-of-interest charges, fired Mack—who was his daughter's brother-in-law at the time—in a scandal following his release after serving 27 months of his eight-year prison term.

MARRIED: Former federal Liberal cabinet minister Otto Lang, 57, and Deborah McCawley, 38, and executive officer of the Law Society of Manitoba, in a United Church ceremony at his wedding home both for the second time. Lang's first wife, Adnan, his first married Donald S. Macdonald, Lang's cabinet colleague in

the Prime Trudeau and now Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

DIED: Karl Brunner, 73, the influential American mentor of whose economic policy was sought by Western leaders, including British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, of a heart attack, in his Rochester, N.Y., home.

DIED: American actor Guy Williams, 65, best known as the sword-swinging master hero of the popular 1950s TV series *Zorro*, of a heart attack, in his Danvers, Conn. home.

DIED: Woody Shaw, 41, troubled by his critics as one of the best trumpeters of the past 30 years, of pneumonia, in hospital near his New York City home.

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LETTERS

RECOGNIZING RESPONSIBILITY

I was heartened to read that psychiatrists in Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, with the help of an ethics committee, took such a responsible position on the release of a schizophrenic patient ("Life-and-death issues," *Medicine*, May 1). Releasing the patient would be at risk if she were discharged without following the procedures devised on extensive discharge plans to prevent her escalation from deteriorating when she left hospital. These actions showed understanding, compassion and respect for these patients. They demonstrated a recognition of their responsibility to ensure she was not abandoned when she walked out the hospital door.

Jane Conway Dwyer,
Executive Director,
Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics,
Toronto

SHADOW OF A GIANT

The new Europe—"Fortress Europe," as Peter G. Newman calls it in "The birth of a new continental power" (*Business Week*, May 11)—has some ominous aspects. This shadow of this colossal giant prompts even Newscast to urge Canadians that "unless we hurry, Canada

will not be part of it." One must regard such a figure emerging out of the masses of immigrants, races, customs, divided loyalties and assorted political persuasions with an uneasy and skeptical optimism at best. Here is a "new continent" so formidable that we must hasten to gain its stamp of approval or find ourselves unable to buy or sell internationally.

Derek Mills,
Toronto

Newman desires the union envisioned by lack of standardization among European specifications. He refers to "two periods of previous discussion." One of the preoccupations for Canada's participation in the European trading scheme will be our ability to use metrics. Perhaps Newman's should accept the metric challenge more seriously—if they would rather be associated with the solution than the problem.

Doreen F. Bell,
Peterborough, Ont.

PREFERRED HEIR

Your review of Denazis Blum's *Daughter of Destiny* ("Born to rule," *Books*, April 24) rightly points out the formidable obstacles in the way of a liberal and understanding ruler of Palestine, female or male. But Blum is not "The Girl Who Was in Love with a King." Blum-ed-ed Blum ruled the kingdom of David from AD 1236 to 1249. Unlike Blum, Blum

had three brothers who also ruled—but she was the eldest and the gathered host of her father, the great Sultan Blum. We speak of Blum with a touch of reverence, but Modern Palestine does have a woman running its government. When will enlightened Canada be able to say the same?

Dr. Fritz Leumann,
Department of History,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver

PURSUING PREDICTABLE LINES

Every thinking man must agree with Doreen Francis that the national debt must be dealt with now ("Black to a shilling financial future," *Column*, April 17). How disappointing it is to find the leaders of the opposition parties pursuing their predictable line of chastising the government for doing what must be done, instead of supporting the initiatives to keep Canada from becoming another Brazil.

Donald Ross,
Winnipeg

Doreen Francis' column on the alarming state of our national debt worries me. If we were at war, people would be willing to give their lives for our country, but they don't seem to be able to do without their extras for a time as ordinary Canada. We have borrowed from a high standard of living for the last 30 years. Why

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LETTERS

can't stop belittling and bawling the hell? It makes me angry that so many people are proud of beating the tax structure, not realizing how much harm they are doing our country.

Elaine Gaskin,
Peterborough, Ont.

CULTURE OF MONEY

Unfortunately, British Columbia's present government believes that the culture of money should reign supreme over the culture of Canada's "Assault on money," "Crash," April 24/9. If it wants to eliminate money, it should put Canadian culture ahead of foreign money and limit immigration and foreign investment. If a white condominium owner refused to sell a unit to an Asian, he or she would be crucified for being a racist. It was all right, however, for Hong Kong developers to be allowed to build condominiums in Vancouver and sell every unit in Hong Kong without allowing Canadians to live in this condominium as their own country.

Steve Young
Quebec, B.C.

WORLD-CLASS COMMENTATOR

Alan Patterson has once again hit the nail on the head and he has proved that he is one of the few "world-class" commentators that we have ("World-class crime men-made-men," *Calgary*, April 27). His observations to come and do not do him justice. He would devote Toronto using advertisement copy similar to that of a health-care code salesperson. I hope, a signal to act a little bit as I live to compare Toronto—most city though it is—to London or Paris is probably ridiculous. When Toronto has 700 miles of subway, several airports that work and 18 or more million people to support the cultural and public facilities of such cities, it will have no need to resort to the broker's appeal.

Brian J. Gendry,
Mississauga, Ont.

UNBURNED CHAMPPONS

Shame on you, Merck's Two world-class cars modern who should have been on the cover, integrated in a blow-by-blow each box ("Happy again," *People*, April 24). Even worse were the comments accompanying the pictures: I doubt if Houston (Houston or Pat Ryan needed their "brave eyes" needed, though I'm sure they were both disappointed at coming second in 1984. I and many other Canadians feel coming second in any world competition is something to be proud of. But so would athletes are under such pressure they turn to other ways to win than their own abilities.

Mary McPaul,
Fredericton

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OPENING NOTES

Wayne Gretzky tries some new lines, Brian Peckford gets a job, and George Bush delivers a dubious gift

STATIC ON THE LINE

Memorizer editor Philip Marshand conducted extensive research for his critically praised biography on Marshall Mathers entitled *Marshall Mathers: The Mathers and The Messenger*. But, in the process, he engaged the aforementioned "shrink" whole. The source of that in debt from 1985, when Marshall took a job entangling Mathers's correspondence at the National Archives in Ottawa. One year earlier, Carlene Mathers had entrusted 225 volumes of her husband's personal letters to the archives. And she, too, was working on a book in 1987: a collection of her husband's letters that she republished in 1997 under the title *Letters of Marshall Mathers*. In any event, she referred to Grant Marshand on interview about her husband—as did six other sources. Marshand also said the Mathers letters were "in the vault" in Grant's office. In other words, he knows. But Marshand acknowledges that he cannot be sure to assure that he did not violate any copyright laws when he quoted from their correspondence.

Marchetti is fired over a thinker's correspondence.



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A new boy joins the lobbying game

After 10 years as office, Brian A. Prockford resigned as governor of Newfoundland on March 30, completing his first term. He was 61 years old, had a net worth of \$7.8 million, an island, and a \$60,000 yearly pension from a 17-year legislative career. Conservative supporters responded by holding a "trial" hearing, those that raised \$200,000 to help Prockford purchase a house and car. Now, Merliou's has argued that Prockford will soon embark on a lucrative new career working as a part-time lobbyist for Public Affairs International, an Ottawa-based consulting firm. From an office in St. John's, Prockford will use his political experience—now with influential Conservatives—to firm up deals between the P.I. and Newfoundland governments. Prockford following a trail "Maxed Moore," the man he succeeded.



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Months ago, he runs the Ottawa-based Government Consultants International—a lobbying firm that he founded soon after the federal Tories came to power in 1984. Now, the two men are business rivals in the back rooms of politics.

A MOTH-EATEN BIRTHDAY GIFT

President George Bush marked North Dakota's centennial celebrations last month by giving the state a gift: an offset from a tree that a professor, John Quincy Adams, had planted more than 140 years ago. But agricultural inspectors at the state capital of Bismarck quickly grouped the American elm last week when they determined that the 12-foot-high tree had arrived with an infestation of tiny moths, leaf-eating pests that have been the target of huge spraying programs in other states. Because of presidents' leafy gifts.



Methods (left). Genetic macroevolution and a search for a winner

THE OFF-ICE FOLLIES OF NO. 99

He is superbly at home on the ice, but hockey superstar Wayne Gretzky was baffling stagehands in New York City last week as he rehearsed his role hosting *Saturday Night Live*. In his initial meeting with the staff of NBC's weekly comedy series—including Canadian-born producer Lorne Michaels—the Los Angeles Kings centre declared that he wanted to be "as little of the show as possible, and to say as little as possible." Having made that request, Gretzky

arrived on the set the next day in a black suit jacket—forcing wardrobe staffers to search frantically for a casual sweater more appropriate to the show's laid-back usage. And while filming ads for the program, Gertler mispronounced the name of guest rock band Fine Young Cannibals, repeatedly ordering to them as "The Cannibals." The show went on as scheduled, but the message to the gamely trying Gertler was clear: he should not give up his day job.



Justinian (left). Barrow is also in red robes

Eyeing the mayor's chair

WASHINGTON—U.S. officials launched an investigation into the alleged drug links of Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry Jr. last December, several of Barry's political associates decided that it was time to find a new job. Now, those politicians—including key cabinet members—say that they are seriously considering leaving the city. Barry, who was elected mayor in 1982, says the coalition may be resigning in protest. Under that plan, the money raised would fund a Marion Barry Chair in politics at the University of the District of Columbia. And as a professor there, Barry would draw a salary of \$100,000 from the interest generated by the endowment. Certainly, a Barry stint in the classroom after 12 years in the mayor's office would be a change of pace for a man who has been called "the only politician who can make a politician cry." But a man who has been called "Washington's preeminent black politician" (Ruffalo Jackson) is not, that Jack Jackson has said, that he would consider running for mayor—U.S. Barry decided to stop drugs, Jackson, who formerly served in Chicago, is currently still placed in some municipal politics he and Barry have known each other for years. "I don't think there was any real reason for Barry to leave," says Jackson. "I think that was the past three years. Barry was a very committed man to a cause that they were in the U.S. capital."

SPURNING THE OLIVE BRANCH

Before he died of cancer last week, Alexander Fraser spent 30 years in the U.S. legislature representing the interior riding of Coquiton. But there was friction between Fraser and William Vander Zalm, while the Social Credit party because Fraser fiercely opposed Vander Zalm's plan to sell off most provincially owned enterprises. And when Vander Zalm became premier in 1974, he readily removed Fraser as highways minister. Still, the premier tried to effect a reconciliation—and last month he sought Fraser's permission to visit him in hospital. The reply from the unfeeling MLC Vander Zalm would not be the warden. Despite that rebuff, the premier said that he planned to attend Fraser's funeral in Quesnel last weekend.

TICKETED FOR TWO BIG WINS

Joe Glan describes himself as a "lucky man"—shopping off such incidents as a punch that he received from a drunken stranger shortly before the France-Estern Island game and a provincial election on May 2. Canadian Glan's wife,



Chair matching
his wife's back.

Chrysler convertible: At that time, the Gm driveway already contained a station wagon, a compact car and a provincially owned sedan. And at May 5, Gm marched his wife's back when a Rotary Club-owned drove the premiere's talent from 400 metres. The prize is a liberty that was \$280 per ticket a \$42,000 Cadillac Sedan de Ville. Still, Gm said that he will be too busy to drive the car until the campaign ends on May 29.

Shaking hands from a Cadillac does not convey a consistent touch.

Withdrawal from Ottawa

For two years before he became Canada's ambassador in the United States last January, Derek Burney led a pressure-filled existence as Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's chief of staff. And Burney acknowledges that he had difficulty adjusting to the slower pace on Washington's diplomatic circuit. During his first month there, in fact, Burney satisfied his craving for Canadian political content by regularly tuning in satellite broadcasts of Question Period from Parliament Hill—beamed in daily to the Pennsylvania Avenue embassy. Life on the outside can take some getting used to.

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AN AMERICAN VIEW



A city transfixed by a brutal act

BY FRED BURNING

The Central Park jogger—the young woman beaten nearly to death while running through a deserted stretch of Manhattan’s wooded but beleaguering public parkland—is an act of mortal danger. The life signs are improving, not the ones stirred a few words. Stories about her progress and about the two boys arrested in connection with the attack have become fixtures in the New York press, and debate over the episode is fierce. Get tough on street punks. Reclaim the city for decent people. Put the screws on for good. Overhead the electric chair. One might almost say that while the jogger is winning back her health, the city’s heart is faltering—that, in their fury over crime, New Yorkers are surrendering to the dissolute instincts that overlook the assailants they so despise.

Details of this case are unimaginably provocative, to be sure. Influenced by media and a page, the young woman was left to die in a remote section of the park. She was discovered bound and gagged with her jogging clothes torn away. Her skull was smashed. She was so a crime. She had been raped. Her life, doctors and later, “bump on a head.” Anger only increased when police reported that the single perpetrator arrested on charges of brutalizing the runner had spent that April night “wandering”—that is, roaming around the streets rising a ruckus and harassing brand of hell. Describing the rape and beating of the jogger with police, one of the teenagers is said to have observed, “It was fun.”

As authorities began to sort out the facts, it became clear that the case might be easier to solve than anticipated. Only one of those arrested had a police record, for violence, and teachers and the girls were not the sort who ordinarily went looking for trouble. The young man wore from minority backgrounds and the jogger was white, but it was not apparent that race played into the attack or, if it did, to what

In their fury over the jogger's beating, New Yorkers may be surrendering to the dissolute instincts that overlooked the assailants

extent. One account indicated that some of those involved may have been smoking marijuana and drinking, but as yet, there is no reason to think the youths were stupid enough to drink enough—if they were stupid at all—to allow for such a mad and senseless enterprise. Indeed, much of the terror of this case is that, at least for now, the crime defies reason and explanation. Before us, we have the news of the day as written by Albert Camus.

But just as the suspects resist stereotyping, the 38-year-old jogger—seized in the suburbs, highly educated, remarkably successful—is not easily tagged, either. While at Wellesley College, she did volunteer work at a home for battered women in Boston. A professor recalled that she was interested in Third World economics and wanted to help struggling peoples move toward financial well-being. For three months before graduate school, she worked at the U.S. Embassy in Zimbabwe—an assignment she accepted because of social concerns, according to a friend. All aspects of the case seem filled with irony, with the exception of the awful and the stupid, with a scolding, contemptuous delivery. The treatment backer with a social consciousness. The gang of “good

kids” gone berserk in terrible fashion, life was following suit.

Rather ordinary and alarming, the attack on the jogger transfixed New Yorkers and fired their emotions. Blacks expressed outrage at the episode and attributed rage on behalf of the victim, but many wondered aloud if an assault on a minority woman would have garnered such a mighty array of responses and numerous crews or armed important politicians to right-trous integration or other preoccupations. “You wouldn’t be here if she was black,” a resident of East Harlem told one reporter.

Janey Brodus, the newspaper columnist, and reported a few days after the assault that the Central Park case was, indeed, leaving the town aghast. “I know that in my time in my city this is the crime that changes us,” he wrote. Many whites seemed ready to convict the suspects without trial, Brodus said, and a few days later, that readiness would blossom. David Thompson brought several scores of advertising space in the city’s newspapers to confirm “raving bands of wild criminals” and to advocate his own ingenious remedy. “Bring back the death penalty,” demanded the newspaperly types.

Fortunately for New York, Donald Trump is in the business of making deals and not public policy. And yet the rage he so second in his newspaper ads resonates through many quarters of the city. The crime against the jogger was unspeakable, no less so because the motivation is unclear or because the suspects are young or because it may be assumed that, at least for some of the young men, life on the streets brought on hardships. But while fury at the crime and those believed responsible is understandable and appropriate, the moment demands more. For, no matter how ghastly the deed or how chaotic the victims or politicians the calls for vengeance. New Yorkers—New Yorkers, least of all—cannot afford to abandon themselves to madness and misanthropy.

Even as debate over the attack continued, the victim, remarkably, began emerging from her coma. She woke on the third day—her slumber protected by the vigilance of the police. The nature of the crime—should require punitive shaming but likely will not restrain the event that nearly ended her life. Other New Yorkers, however, may never forget the grim aftertaste well along the city’s sidewalks. It is the last trace of evil and, as yet, the last, become inevitable. Others will say the case provides New York with a rare opportunity to show its courage and character.

Ramona Eldridge, a Democratic candidate for city council, urged New Yorkers to swear into Central Park at night holding candles both to honor the jogger and rescue the city from fear. “Common sense must tell us that there is no safety in hiding,” Eldridge wrote in a newspaper essay. Both were the sentiments of the jogger, after all, and, apparently, the young woman has not changed her mind. When a name mentioned casually in the jogger’s presence that she hoped some to begin, running again, the pursuit, having just regained her powers of speech, agreed to a house wife, “Me too.”

The CTV National News with Lloyd Robertson.



Fred Burning is a writer with Newsday in New York.

THE DEFENCE GAP

It has been almost four decades since the last full-scale Canadian soldier stepped ashore in Europe in 1945 to join the allied military forces of the post-war North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The troops' arrival reflected the rising Cold War tensions of the era. Although those tensions have largely eased in the 1990s, 7,600 Canadian troops and military troops remain in Europe—most of them in West Germany—as part of NATO's military deterrent against an attack by Soviet-led Warsaw Pact forces. Last week, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will announce Canada's plans, during two days of talks with NATO leaders in Brussels, that Canada's support for the alliance continues but that the government's April 26 budget—which stripped \$2.7 billion from military spending over five years—has made a retreat from the country's NATO commitments all but inevitable.

Grass-roots staff officers in Ottawa were scrambling last week to achieve existing plans for re-equipping the military to meet commitments outlined in the government's 1987 white paper on defence. Five of those plans were left intact by last month's federal budget. And many analysts—including several senior military officers—told Maclean's that the setbacks in equipment and manpower will leave Canada's forces in Europe incapable of fulfilling their NATO duties. As a result, they predicted that Ottawa will reduce its commitment to the alliance by 1995. Said Douglas Ross, director of the Centre for International Studies at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.: "With the current budget framework, that is the way it would go. We have no choice."

As a result of the budget, the military will lose an estimated \$12.8 billion over 15

DEFENCE BUDGET CUTS POINT TO A CANADIAN PULL-BACK FROM NATO AND THE DEFENCE OF EUROPE

years and must trim 2,600 soldiers from its force of 67,000. A substantial part of those savings will come from the cancellation of a projected \$9-billion fleet of nuclear-powered submarines capable of undersea warfare, a decision that led some observers to question the Tories' commitment to Arctic sovereignty (page 18). And the backlash at 84 communities where bases or stations will be closed or cut back as a result of the budget continued to grow last week (page 39). Despite evident disappointment at the depth of those cuts, most military personnel interviewed last week expressed their determination to make no order

the same tighter budget plan. Declared Rear Admiral Robert George, commander of Canada's Pacific fleet: "I have spent over half my life in the navy. There is no quit in getting out of this business."

But the doubts raised among military analysts by the budget go far beyond the question of nuclear submarines and base closures. In Kingston, a research associate at the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security at Ottawa, for one, accused the government of making a mockery of its own white paper. Haughey asked, "Have our defence requirements changed that much in two short years?" At the same time, the assistant's director, Richard Wood, charged that the white paper had defined Canada's defence needs in stark, Cold War terms. According to Wood, the budget has made a wholesale review of that policy all but "impossible." Similarly, one senior defence analyst complained because he is still in uniform—predicted that the conflict

in those plans, but they will continue." Still, even McKnight acknowledged that the list of cancelled or postponed programs was a long one. The air force was particularly hard hit. In order to meet the budget's spending target, planners at Norfolc Defence headquarters have dropped their intention to add three Aurora long-range patrol planes in the 13 already in service and cancelled a plan to modernize two squadrons of older Tracker patrol planes. Those steps, my analysis, could leave the air force unable to meet its NATO commitment to patrol the western North Atlantic for Soviet submarines. The 30-year-old Trackers were built for doing basic operations. They were not designed to track Soviet submarines. But as the antiquated Trackers are retired, the military will have to choose between using its Aurora to maintain a watch for Soviet submarines, and cutting back on submarine patrols in order to



George's suffering on despite disappointment at the big April 26 budget cuts

will soon force Canada to make a difficult choice: "In the early to mid-1990s," he said, "the government will have to choose when it comes to its defence of North America, or in Europe."

In fact, the budget did not sweep away all of the military's spending plans. Defence Minister Wilton McKnight said that Ottawa will continue to spend about \$3 billion each year on military equipment. Among the programs that will proceed is a \$750-million purchase of 12 coastal patrol ships, a second order of six new nuclear frigates worth \$4 billion, an \$800-million upgrade of northern air defences, and as many as 11 Anglo-Italian AS-311 helicopters, worth \$3 billion. The navy has also been promised additional frigates and diesel-electric submarines to replace the cancelled nuclear submarine fleet. And this week, the first of 1,300 supply trucks being built for the army by CMC Inc. was scheduled to roll off its assembly line in Kingston, Ont. Said McKnight: "We started in 1984 to rebuild the Canadian forces. There will be a pause

survey the activities of foreign fishermen in Canadian waters.

At the same time, defence officials said that they would also make other sacrifices that from the backbone of the country's search and rescue fleet. The result will be a much-reduced ability to find and save victims of downed aircraft or shipwrecked sailors on the sea. AS-161 helicopters have served well in the past decade. And the budget forced the military to cancel plans to buy eight more Hercules transport aircraft—a measure that may badly impair Canada's ability to deter Soviet jets from flying across the Arctic. Current defence plans call for small Otomat-class C-119 jet fighters to defend the Arctic from bases at several remote northern airbases. But senior officials told Maclean's that, in the event of war, those aircraft could not be supplied by the present 38 plane Hercules fleet.

But it is the cancellation of an order for more C-119s that may result in the first reduction in Canada's forces in 1984 in relation to Europe. In the wake of the budget, Ottawa can-

National Notes

BACK IN THE HOUSE

Alberta Premier Donald Getty easily won May 9 by-election in the rural riding of Southern Alberta. Liberal Premier Wilton McKnight won the province's lowest riding of Whitford in Edmonton in the March 20 provincial election. Getty's Conservatives held 29 of Alberta's 43 seats.

SEVENING A SEAR

Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells, whose Liberals defeated Tim Ralston's Conservatives at the April 20 provincial election, but who failed to win a seat himself, will court out a re-election on May 23 in St. John's Bay of Islands riding, on the west coast. Wells's party won 31 of the island's 42 seats at the election.

MORE REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

Immigration department officials said that the backlog of refugee claimants from 1988 is far greater than previously announced. They said that there may be as many as 114,000 people awaiting processing of their claims, compared with the 65,000 which Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall gave last December when she announced changes to Canada's refugee determination policy.

FIGHTING THE SALES TAX

Ottawa Premier David Peterson led that he wants to discuss with Robert Stanbury the Quebec premier's proposal that the two provinces cooperate to stop the federal government's planned national sales tax.

LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES

Two more members of the New Democratic Party's federal caucus entered the race to succeed retiring leader Andrew Brewster. Bruce Whelan, an Ottawa lawyer, and Peter Macdonald, an Ontario businessman, both announced their candidacies on April 27.

THREATENED BY FIRE

Forest fires burning out of control in parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan forced thousands of people to flee their homes. High winds and dry conditions frustrated firefighters' efforts to control the blazes, which have so far resulted in one death.

LOSS OF CONFIDENCE

The Commonsense Board of Canada and that high school senior are leaving consumers uneasy about asking money questions. In the last quarter of the year the board's consumer confidence index dropped to 308.7—down seven points from the last quarter of 1988.

colled plans to buy 58 some of the joint fighters to replace the one or two lost each year in accidents. Without replacements, analysts said that the number of remaining CF-18s—135 net, currently—will be likely to fall below the number required to provide a minimal air defence of Canada and still all the three fighter squadrons based in Europe.

Canada's single armed military brigade in Europe will likely maintain its stock of 58 European C-1 battle tanks. But most military specialists say that the tanks, German-built tanks are too slowly armored to withstand the modern, weaponry used by Warsaw Pact troops. Since 1984, Ottawa has given the brigade some new equipment—including modern attack weapons of its own. And, until last month's budget, the military had also planned to spend \$3 billion to buy a new generation of mainline tanks to replace the Leopards. Now, those plans have been indefinitely postponed. As a result, and one recently retired army general, it was broke out "the brigade wouldn't last till lunch."

Indeed, many analysts said that the decision to delay buying new tanks was the dramatic indication of Ottawa's intention to gradually pull back from its present role in NATO's front-line jobs. Morrison, editor of Canadian Defence Quarterly magazine, for one, said that the government "has no intention of buying new tanks." He added, "They will allow the armored helicopter to wither on the vine, then pull it out."

The army, he added, could then evolve into a lightly equipped, mobile force, well suited to peacekeeping duty and able to crush common foe-style marauders on Canada—but equipped for the all-out tank warfare of a modern battlefield. And David Cox, a military analyst at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., said that a scaled-down military would save the govern-

would enter the heart out of the army, and they know it." And Harold Kinski, a professor of strategic studies at the Collège militaire royal in St-Jean, Que., pointed out that the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Europe would force Canada even farther into the embrace of the United States. Said Kinski: "We would be alone with a superpower."

Although Canada's small European ground force contributes little to NATO's overall strength, European observers predicted that a Canadian withdrawal would send political shock waves through the alliance. "The loss would go far beyond any simple military question," said Cmdr Peter Meert, a West German defense ministry spokesman in Bonn. "It would mean that, among the six nations standing guard over Germany, a flag would go missing."

Meanwhile, Moloney is likely to face pointed questioning from his NATO counterparts in Brussels. Declared Ottawa's diplomat: "The government has shown its credibility into doubt, not only with the defence community, but also with our allies." Moloney's mission in Brussels next week will be to explain to Canada's NATO allies how his government intends to close the widening gap between the country's diminished military might and its commitments to NATO in Europe.

MARC CLARE is Ottawa with correspondents' reports.



Canadian troops in Europe: "The brigade wouldn't last till lunch."

ment billions of dollars—Canada's European-based troops will remain alone cost \$1.1 billion a year to maintain.

But the conversion of Canada's army into a policing and peacekeeping force would likely mean that assistance within the military. Said John Anderson, director of defence policy planning until his retirement in 1987: "It

confirms that Canada cannot afford the Arctic." But now, critics are accusing the government of reaching exactly that conclusion. In the summer of 1984, they note, Ottawa closed down Canada's northeastern Armed Forces base at Inuvik, N.W.T. Then last month, Prime Minister Michael Vickers admitted that 58 billion plus in square miles of it is as easy as 12 million—powered by a mixture of long missiles under the Arctic or And last week, the government accused Ottawa of action over the Polar 8, observing that the \$1.6 billion committed to the vessel is the government's spendiest plan for the current fiscal year was not enough to begin construction. Said Liberal transportation critic Brian Tobin: "We're talking absolute nonsense, the government's turn around like the election and records of these programs."

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ations. Ottawa, he said, had rejected the first design submitted last October by Vancouver-based Vickers Pacific Shipyard Inc.—which was to close in and build the vessel—because it would cost too much. Instead, Bouchard ordered Vickers to design a ship capable of carrying 40 to 50 million plus in square miles of it is as easy as 12 million—powered by a mixture of long missiles under the Arctic or And last week, the government accused Ottawa of action over the Polar 8, observing that the \$1.6 billion committed to the vessel is the government's spendiest plan for the current fiscal year was not enough to begin construction. Said Liberal transportation critic Brian Tobin: "We're talking absolute nonsense, the government's turn around like the election and records of these programs."

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SLOWDOWN FOR THE POLAR 8

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark assured the Opposition yesterday morning that the Arctic would remain strong and free—and Canadian. A month ago, in August 1985, the U.S. seaborne Polar Sea had caused a diplomatic furor when it travelled across the Arctic without requesting Canadian permission. On Sept. 10, 1985, Clark announced in the Commons that Canada would take clear steps to defend its claims in sovereignty in northern waters. The controversy of those few passages, he said, would be the largest scholarship in the world. The Polar Class 8—so called for its ability to break through ice eight feet thick—would be launched by the early 1990s at a cost of \$450 million. The expense, Clark said, was necessary. "This government," he declared, "is not about to

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A call to arms

Communities mobilize against military cuts

Portage la Prairie's place in Canadian military history is assured. During the Second World War, thousands of British Commonwealth airmen were trained at the Canadian Forces base there. What is far less assured is the base's role in the future of Canada's Armed Forces. In his April 26 budget, Finance Minister Michael Wilson offered the base closed—one of 14 military

installations to be shut down or transferred back in order to save money. It was not the first death sentence to be passed on the aging facility—several governments have tried to close the base over the past 20 years. Do those previous rejections of Portage la Prairie (population 12,000, 30 km west of Winnipeg, managed to change Ottawa's plans, usually by stressing the importance to the town's economy of the 786 military and civilian jobs at the base. Now, many say that they are confident they can win another reprieve for the base's facility. "We are not opposed to the budget," said John Wilson, co-chairman of Portage la Prairie, a committee organized after the budget to save the base. "But when you have 20 per cent of your economy



CFR Samaritana loss of the base will cost the P.E.I. town \$35 million a year

like mine, that is more than a community can stand."

Federal government estimates show that shutting down CFR Portage la Prairie will deprive the local economy of \$20 million a year. In all, planners say that closing seven military bases or stations and transferring seven others across the country—only Saskatchewan was spared—will save Canada \$2.7 billion during the next 15 years and eliminate 2,201 military and 1,248 civilian jobs. The defence department also says that the cuts to older and largely inefficient bases should have little impact on Canada's military capability. But the impact on local economies could be severe, and several communities across the country began last week to organize their resistance to Ottawa's actions. Best Valerie Pryn, manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Samaritana, P.E.I., home of another base slated for closure within two years. "The bottom is falling out of our world here."

Activists opposing the closures claim that the economic cost to local communities will

down the town's base—compared with the \$434 million over 15 years predicted by the government.

For his part, Thomas Gossell, mayor of London, Ont., denounced a meeting with Defence Minister William McLaughlin to justify the closure of CFB London. The government plans to relocate 866 military and 363 civilian personnel from the base to CFB Peterborough over the next two years. Over 15 years, Ottawa hopes to save about \$242 million from closing the base. But according to the federal government's own estimates, London's economy will suffer losses of \$26 million a year in direct wages and the purchase of goods and services by base personnel. Said Gossell, who had just arranged a meeting with McLaughlin last week: "We would like to see economic evidence that there is a savings for the country. So far, all we have received is a two-page summary, and that is just not good enough."

Other communities have called their provincial governments to their cause. In Prince

Edward Island, Premier Joe Ghis condemned the decision to close CFB Summerside during an emergency legislative debate on the subject. He also set up a task force to study the social and economic impact of closure. The cost would be high: the base is the province's second largest employer, after the government, and the source of half the jobs in the Summerside area. About 900 military and 384 civilian jobs will be lost or moved elsewhere, and Ottawa estimates that \$35 million will be drained from the local economy by 1993 as a result of the closure. Devalued Derek Key, a member of the province's task force. "This is not just an announcement—it's a catastrophe." Meanwhile, other Island residents have taken steps of their own to light the phoned closure. The Chamber of Commerce purchased adver-



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Toxins by truckload

Illicit waste-laden fuels enter Canada

Every month, thousands of tanker trucks enter Canada from the United States, many of them crossing into Ontario and Quebec. Most carry legitimate cargoes, but last week, The Globe and Mail newspaper revealed that hidden among the large number of trucks was a significant one-way stream of toxic waste. Environment Canada officials said that several Buffalo, N.Y., area companies had moved hazardous chemical wastes—including such potent carcinogens as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)—with millions of litres of oil, grease, diesel, gasoline and heating fuel, which was then sold to unsuspecting customers in Ontario, Quebec and western New York state. Passing undetected into automobiles, trades and farming plants, the toxic fuel was eventually burned, but at temperatures too low to destroy most of the wastes involved. As a result, health experts warned, toxic emissions had seeped into the environment regularly over a period of years. Declared Joseph Coombs of the University of Western Ontario in London, who has studied the effects of PCBs in the environment: "This is a crime that affects us all."

The disclosures quickly sparked charged debates in Parliament and the Ontario legislature. In heated confrontations in the Commons and at Queen's Park, critics demanded to know what government ministers responsible for border controls and the environment knew about the illicit traffic, when they knew it and what they did about it. At first, officials of both governments denied any knowledge of the operation and they accused the opposition parties of using scare tactics. But as the week unfolded, it became clear that members of both governments may have heard reports of the traffic as long ago as 1987.

It was not clear when the hazardous wastes originated. But as a series of articles, the Globe claimed that argued across figures in Buffalo and Toronto appeared to have links with the companies involved in the trade. The newspaper also reported that a number of individuals associated with the firms have criminal records or are under investigation in the United States for tax evasion or tax fraud. Some of those named denied the allegations.

Meanwhile, other reports said that the traffic was even more widespread than it had first seemed. Vancouver radio station CKRM carried out confirmed reports that California firms were shipping

fuel laced with hazardous wastes in British Columbia and that Idaho firms were dumping similar toxic products in Alberta. Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard said that he had no evidence that tanker fuels were entering Western Canada. But he said his department had responded to the allegations by launching a nationwide investigation. It assigned 40 inspectors and 80 laboratory tech-



Fuel tankers: millions of litres of toxic wastes crossing the border unnoticed

nicians to search for toxic loads. And after meeting with his counterparts from Ontario, Quebec and Alberta, Bouchard added that the federal government will close most of the more than 100 border crossings between the United States and Canada to all tanker trucks in order to improve sampling of their cargoes. But Liberal and New Democrat MPs charged that the response was too little, too late, and they called for Bouchard's resignation, along with that of Marley Martin, the junior minister of state for transport. Martin, they said, failed to act on reports of the operation that she received while attending an international conference in Basel, Switzerland, in March. In fact, officials say, she knew about the toxic traffic for more than two years. On Thursday, Kenneth Munroe, Ontario Minister of the Environment—whose responsibilities include Canada Customs—acknowledged that his department knew about the toxic traffic as early as

September, 1987. But James Connors, executive vice-president of Petroleum Marketers Association, said that he had told Johnson's predecessor as revenue minister, Elmer Murkay, about the problem at a meeting as early as January, 1987. McKee, now minister of public works, denied that allegation.

The tainted fuel also moved across for the Ontario Liberals. The opposition top and Conservative walked out of the legislature on Wednesday when Environment Minister James Bradley refused to say when he had learned of the illegal operations. Bradley said later that he first heard allegations in January but did not go public because he did not want to jeopardize a minority government.

In the meantime, 12 samples taken from fuel tankers during April showed no signs of con-

tamination. Test results from samples taken across Canada after the allegations became public last week were not released. But there was disagreement among experts about how serious a threat to the PCBs—cancer agents used in electric power transformers and other equipment that Ontario banned their production in 1979—posed to the public's health. Colin Isaacs, executive director of Pollution Probe, said that there was little chance that carcinogens had benefited in contaminants that may have been in their automobiles or home fuel tanks. He added, "This is not a problem of immediate health concerns."

Western's Cameron, however, said that heated PCBs were "very dangerous" to humans. He said that studies of accidental releases of heated PCBs in Japan in 1969 and Taiwan in 1979 showed that some markers of illnesses linked with birth defects 10 years after their exposure to the chemicals. And what was clear by the end was that toxic chemicals had found their way into the environment despite the existence of regulations designed to control them.

Bouchard: early warnings



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Gitz campaigning: a lead in the polls and attacks on Ottawa

The Island campaign

Premier Joe Gitz fights for a second mandate

Joe Gitz needed the weeks of election speculation on May 2. Precisely three years after losing office as premier of Prince Edward Island, he was named in the provincial legislature that Islanders will go to the polls on May 28. It was an unexpected beginning—Gitz suffered a scandal by during an altercation with an intoxicated man while walking to the legislature to make the announcement. But his Liberals, who held 20 of the 32 legislative seats at dissolution, clearly got in the prime's campaign punch. Within hours of the premier's announcement, Liberal lions began to appear across the province. Conservative opposition leader and former federal MP John-Scott Goss said that his party had been surprised by the election call. But said Gordon Campbell, acting president of the P.E.I. Liberal party: "If he was caught off guard, he was the only person who was." And, by last week, the Conservatives had mounted an aggressive campaign, criticizing the Liberals' record of job creation and industrial development.

Prior to the campaign, a poll done by Production-based Baseline Market Research gave the Liberals a dominant 50-point lead over the Tories, with the New Democrats, and hoping to win their first seat on the Island, running a distant third. For his part, Gitz discounted reports that he may be a candidate to succeed John Turner as federal Liberal leader, instead emphasizing that he was interested only in winning a second mandate. But many Islanders said that Gitz should be fighting harder against the spending outbursts announced by Finance

Minister Michael Wilson in his April 26 budget—especially the closure of CNE SummerFest—rather than concentrating on his own reelection. "It's like holding a party the day after the funeral of the family he died," said one caller to a recent opinion radio show in which 68 per cent of callers criticized the premier's decision. Indeed, Ottawa's plan to close the Summerside base, which contributes \$35 million a year to the local economy, was a central feature of both parties' campaigns. After the closure was announced, Andrew Walker, the Tory MLA for Summerside, asked Gitz to postpone the anticipated election in favor of a bipartisan protest to Ottawa. The premier appointed a committee to gather information that could be used to make the province's case—then called the election the following day.

Since then, Gitz has lashed out in Ottawa over the budget in several fiery partisan speeches. Indeed, Gitz has rarely hesitated to speak out on the national stage. But some observers noted that the timing of the election could end Gitz's third federal bid, with the premier himself wearing voters, "I want to stay in P.E.I." If Gitz was re-elected, he would leave himself open to charges of political opportunism by seeking the federal leadership to soon after taking the Island through an election campaign. For now, the 44-year-old premier is showing every sign of containing himself with saying that his Liberals form a second consecutive majority government.

BARBARA MACANDREW in Charlottetown

Barking about a budget

Premier Buchanan growls at his critics

Now Scotia's \$6.9-billion provincial budget for 1989 and 1990, tabled on May 5, at first seemed to be a soothing balm to winning hearts and minds. Conceding provincial rumors, Conservative Finance Minister Greg Kerr did not increase the province's 16-per-cent sales tax on luxury items. And he produced a balanced budget by 1991. But last week, the Tory member's success turned sour. Liberal Leader Vance MacLean produced a memo apparently showing that the provincial Sobeys supermarket chain have some doubts of the budget's full-scale delivery. Kerr made the document public. The opposition promptly seized on what MacLean called a "very major budget leak—a breach in budget confidentiality." Charged provincial re-leader Alex McCusker said "it is a standard procedure for this government to do some leaks for cooperation."

Sobeys, Kerr and co-officials all claimed that MacLean had misinterpreted the company memo. According to Kerr and the company, Sobeys had no advance warning that the budget would announce an extension of the provin-

cial sales tax to include some purchases by major retailers, normally, Sobeys do not pay sales taxes on most purchases. But a leaked document in the legislature led Premier John Buchanan, who defended his position, to make an unexpected announcement. Apparently at a loss for words, Buchanan delivered a series of barking sounds toward the opposition benches. The dogged scepticism is an unusual sound in the legislature's official record. "Muzzled," as "The Province" would say. "Questioned by opponents the next day about his grunting utterances, Buchanan said with apparent good humor: 'Well, I suppose it might have been a little bark. I don't know. I don't call it a bark.'"

In fact, Sobeys Inc., a company with more than 180 supermarkets that is part of a family-owned corporate empire which last year had

more than \$1 billion in revenues, will not give a great deal of advance knowledge of the tax change. But the anecdotal account that MacLean produced on May 8 had been sent to all Sobeys Nova Scotia store managers on April 27. Issued by Sobeys assistant controller, Clotilde Kerr, it stated that the provincial tax commission had tabled the sales tax exemption traditionally granted to retailers, except when goods were delivered directly to an Island owner and consumed there.

Summoned before the legislature's public accounts committee later last week, provincial tax commissioner Eric Lavery called the incident a "coincidence that 'was just weird.'" He said that a Sobeys official had, indeed, phoned his office in April inquiring about retail taxes relating to retailers that he believed that "the person they [Sobeys] were talking to had no knowledge of the budget and no knowledge of any new legislation." A fuller explanation of how the memo came to contain a detail of the budget may be available later this month.

When Sobeys executives are scheduled to appear before the legislature's public accounts committee.

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Buchanan: "Woof, woof"

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A DISPUTED
ELECTION AND
STREET VIOLENCE
IN PANAMA BRINGS
A SWIFT U.S.
RESPONSE

Cries of fear gas hoisted over the Panama City street where an anti-government protest lay last week as a pool of blood streamed last dropped a political opposition leader over the man's body—a symbol warning to anyone who may have forgotten that in Panama, despite periodic elections, brute force continues to be the language of political discourse. Moments earlier on May 10, the street had been lined with cheering supporters of the dozen opposition leaders who had challenged Gen. Manuel Noriega, 53, Panama's de facto ruler, to accept their opponent's victory in the May 7 runoff election. But Noriega's reply was unequivocal: Members of a paramilitary group welcomed the crowd of demonstrators, attacking the opposition leaders and their supporters with clubs and non-lethal gas; government soldiers looted the other way. Bleeding profusely from a head wound, presidential candidate Guillermo Endara barely escaped with his life. Then, a Noriega-appointed tribunal nullified the election, and the next day President George Bush dispatched 1,500 troops to support the newly 116,000-member American military presence in the country.

The tribunal declared the election null and void because of the "obstructive acts" of foreign observers. A pro-government coalition had earlier declared victory, but international observers insisted that the opposition had in fact won by a landslide. Noriega's strategy to manipulate the results—and his regime's brutal response to opposition protests—prompted Bush with a key foreign policy test. He responded at week's end by publicly urging the Panamanian people to overthrow Noriega. "They should do everything to get him out of office," the President said. "The will of the people should be implemented."

Earlier in the week, following a May 11



Fired under attack, Noriega (below) "will of the people should be implemented"

meeting with congressional leaders, Bush announced that he was sending the additional troops they began arriving the next day in force. "In protest the lives of American citizens," Noriega's military to desert in disorderly fashion. "The United States stands with the Panamanian people," said Bush. "We share their hope that the Panamanian Defense Forces will stand with them and fulfill their constitutional obligation to defend democracy." In Ottawa, Defense Minister Jean Charest announced that, to protect the embiggened vice, Canada's ambassador and counselor staff in Costa Rica—who are second-

aries along the canal. And he announced easing economic sanctions against Panama. In addition, the President vowed to use "regional diplomacy" to remove Noriega and called on Panama's military to desert in disorderly fashion. "The United States stands with the Panamanian people," said Bush. "We share their hope that the Panamanian Defense Forces will stand with them and fulfill their constitutional obligation to defend democracy." In Ottawa, Defense Minister Jean Charest announced that, to protect the embiggened vice, Canada's ambassador and counselor staff in Costa Rica—who are second-



ried to Panama—will reduce the number of diplomatic visits to Panama City.

Members of international observers in Panama last week unanimously condemned the election as a fraud. Following a meeting with Bush in Washington on May 9, Democratic Representative John Murtha of Pennsylvania—who had led a bipartisan congressional observer team to Panama—said that "we are such widespread manipulation and actual fraud that we didn't see any way it could be a free and fair election." Fellow observer Republicans

showed the opposition had won the election by a three-to-one margin. But he charged that the original tally showed "many stolen votes during the night, some at gunpoint." Carter added that "tens of thousands of voters" showed Noriega's handpicked paramilitary candidate, Carlos Doege, in the lead were substituted for the authentic ones.

Doege's campaign had cost a staggering \$47 million, roughly \$40 per registered voter. "We control the best-organized political machine in this country," boasted Aquilino Boyd, one of

Doege's two vice-presidential running mates. "We are unbeatable." On May 7, according to international observers and journalists, that political machine employed fraud, intimidation and threats to prevent dissent. Doege's Coalition for National Liberation (CONAL) co-opted several early entry lists in the country Armed with multiple voting cards, CONAL supporters were driven from one polling station to another, casting ballots several times. Many opposition supporters were left with the option of either staying at home or walking great distances to vote. But the stringing labels international election observers reported a strong opposition turnout at the polls.

The day after the election, as the government released partial poll results heavily favoring Doege, riotous clashes erupted in the streets of the capital. Riot police fired shotguns and submachine rifles to disperse thousands of opposition supporters who were marching to demand that the government resigns. In the morning riot, unidentified gunmen shot and wounded three people, including a local television cameraman.

But the worst violence occurred two days later on May 16. At an opposition demonstration in the old sector of the capital, police shot and wounded two men and killed a 16-year-old crying Endara and his two vice-presidential running mates, Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford. Witnesses later said that police ordered Endara out of the vehicle and told him to "go home." Subsequently, about 30 members of the Dignity Battalion—a civilian militia corps set up by Noriega—emerged from a side street and rushed into demonstrators with clubs and iron bars.

"Rioting," "trampling, looting," they chanted several demonstrators took to the ground and were left in pain. Unarmed riot police at first stood by, then fired rifles into the air and shot tear gas and live shot into the crowd. The soldiers shot Endara and Arias Calderon, and witnesses saw Ford—crushed in blood—taken

World Notes

A COMMUNIST SHAKEDUP

An adviser to show up at his party before next year's multiparty election, Wang's rival Communist party (led by Kim Yul) who led the party for 20 years said last May—from his ceremonial post as party president. And Wang was Prime Minister. Kim's fourth party built his cabinet, recruited in younger members committed to reform.

BOLIVIAN POLLS

Bolivia's election on May 7 placed Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada of the ruling National Revolutionary Movement and former military dictator Gen. Hugo Banzer at the head of a field of 10 candidates for president, according to unofficial tallies. Since no candidate is likely to emerge with a clear majority of votes, Congress is expected to select the winner in August. Banzer and Sánchez de Lozada are associated to the recent government's military program.

FILING A COUP

In Guatemala, a disgraced army officer and active military officers, along with about 300 rebel troops, attempted to topple the government of President Venero Gomez—who was elected in December, 1993, after 16 years of right-wing military rule. Legal troops surrounded the rebels to end their uprising peacefully.

A DESPERATE PLACE IS

An Arab League town heavily by socialist Secretary General Laidi. Rebels looted shops and looted in a rugged area. Rebel soldiers peace between Charrat and Syrian-backed Muslim forces. They managed to achieve a shaky ceasefire, interrupted by occasional rocket attacks.

STAVING OFF Famine

The officials said that they will have moved 90,000 tons of food to southern Sudan before the end of July. That will be short of the 120,000-ton target, they said. But enough to stave off starvation for thousands of Sudanese forced to halt farming during the six-year war between government troops and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

A BOMB AT SEA

The U.S. navy alerted last week that in 1965 an airplane carrying a non-nuclear hydrogen bomb fell off an aircraft carrier 40 miles from Japan's Ryukyu Islands. In 1961, a Pentagon report said that the vessel had recovered 500 miles from the island. The navy maintains that the last bomb poses no risk.

away in a police vehicle. U.S. Ambassador Donald Stuart said that Ecuador's bodyguards were killed in the fighting, a Panamanian arrest forces spokesman said that opposition bodyguards shot in dark-hour snipers and critically injured another. Later, in a Panama City hospital, Ecuador showed reporters the stitches in his forehead only. "They beat me in the head with an iron bar," he said from his wheelchair. "I blame Noriega for everything and that has happened in the Republic of Panama."

The crisis began in June 1987, when a military assault on Noriega accused the general of involvement in drug trafficking and the assassination of political opponents. It deepened last year when then-President Ronald Reagan sought to oust Noriega—through economic sanctions—after two Florida grand juries indicted the general on drug smuggling and racketeering charges in February, 1988. Then, when Panamanian President Eric Arturo Delvalle tried to depose Noriega as commander of the Panamanian Defense Forces (PDF), Noriega ousted his former colleague and replaced him with Manuel Solís Palma, whose Washington refusal to recognize in Panama's legitimate ruler.

White House and Pentagon officials last week played down suggestions of armed intervention. A U.S. general directly involved in the military planning for Panama told *Newsweek*, "The last thing we need to do is a bomb and invade." He added "It would only take a skirmish to defeat Panama's army. But we would be leaving lives and helping Noriega point us to Latin American countries, which also want to get rid of him, as the old Yankee imperialists." National security adviser Brent Scowcroft, too, assumed to discount the possibility of armed conflict between U.S. and Panamanian forces. Describing Noriega, Scowcroft said, "He's a thug, but he clearly operates with some prudence when he has to."

But's cautious path through a diplomatic minefield has praise from U.S. liberals and conservatives alike. Leaders from both parties issued a joint statement commending Bush's "measured and deliberate steps" to restore democracy in Panama. Analysts said that by sending a relatively small number of troop reinforcements and by stressing the need for multilateral diplomatic pressure against Noriega, Bush was attempting to resolve the conflict as one of democracy versus dictatorship—either then in the United States against Panama, as it had been seen under Reagan, said former White House aide Robert Klutznick. "It's a pretty militarily

moderate approach. No more Mr. Grogg."

But the outraged Panamanian leadership accused Washington of aggression. Daniel Riquelme, secretary general of the ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party, charged that "President Bush has practically invoked a state of war." He also raised the sensitive sovereignty issue, adding, "We Panamanians are capable of solving our own problems." That sentiment was echoed by Noriega's President Daniel Ortega, whose leftist Sandinista government has been under attack by U.S.-backed contras in both since 1985. "What the Bush administration has done is absolutely fitful under the 19 charter," said Ortega from Dublin, at the con-

front of the nations and peoples of Latin America is achieved with fire and sophisticated power, war, supported without objective of any kind." (The eighth member of the group, Pousa, was suspended last year after Noriega defied an order by then President Delvalle to resign as commander of the PDF.) And at a session of the Permanent Council of the 31-nation Organization of American States in Washington last week, Latin ambassadors expressed concern over events in Panama but withheld strong condemnation. They unanimously agreed to meet again on May 17 to debate the issue. Even Estens himself, speaking a week before the vote was held, had said



U.S. Marines bound for Panama: reinforcements "to protect the lives of American citizens"

of a 10-day European tour. "It is absolutely undesirable to assist to the use or threat of use of force."

At the same time, the immediate reaction of U.S. allies in Latin America was decidedly mixed. At least seven governments in the region condemned the fraudulent election and Noriega's violent suppression of opposition protesters. But in light of Washington's recent history of military intervention in the region—in Grenada in 1983 and in Nicaragua throughout the 1980s—many Latin leaders were less than enthusiastic about the prospect of an increased U.S. military presence in Panama.

On May 18, a scribbled worded statement in behalf of the so-called Group of Eight—Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay and Peru—said that member states defended the principle of nonintervention and self-determination. It added, "We reify our conviction that the best defense of the inter-

ests of the nations and peoples of Latin America is achieved with fire and sophisticated power, war, supported without objective of any kind." (The eighth member of the group, Pousa, was suspended last year after Noriega defied an order by then President Delvalle to resign as commander of the PDF.) And at a session of the Permanent Council of the 31-nation Organization of American States in Washington last week, Latin ambassadors expressed concern over events in Panama but withheld strong condemnation. They unanimously agreed to meet again on May 17 to debate the issue. Even Estens himself, speaking a week before the vote was held, had said

that he would be "totally agnostic" U.S. military intervention to remove Noriega. "If the only reason were to get Noriega out," he said, "I would prefer Noriega to stay." At week's end, as the first of 770 platoons of U.S. troops began arriving at Howard Air Base in Panama, opposition leaders vowed to continue their efforts to be officially recognized as the nation's legitimate rulers. But despite the brave rhetoric of the politicians who insisted that democracy must ultimately prevail, there was a growing sense of desperation and helplessness among many average Panamanians. With the official endorsement of the elections by Noriega, the last pillar of Panama's democratic facade had crumbled, exposing the stark reality of life under a military dictatorship.

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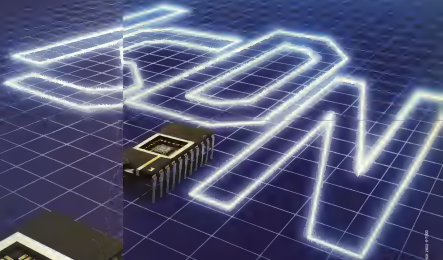
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Agreement to disagree

Gorbachev offers more unilateral arms cuts

A talks ended between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker last week, the two men traded warmly, yet the agreement to disagree was clear.

After Gorbachev's visit, the two men discussed what they called another public relations victory. Both delivered a foreign policy address that received mixed reviews. It was his first combined public proclamation on East-West relations since taking office last January, and it followed a down-out policy regional that had put U.S.-Soviet dialogue on hold. Speaking in College Station, Tex., Bush received former president Dwight Eisenhower's 1955 "open skies" proposal under which each side would be able to make unarmed surveillance flights over the other's territory. That critics pointed out that satellite technology made "open skies" far less meaningful than when Eisenhower first proposed it 34 years ago. And although Bush's initial severity was softened, Bush's statement stated that it still had great symbolic importance, former white department Soviet expert Raymond Gertzel said that it was of "only marginal" military significance.

Meanwhile, the short-range nuclear arms reduction proposals, which Gorbachev outlined in Baker during a 20-hour meeting on May 11, seemed likely to deepen the rift between the United States and some NATO allies over how to respond to Gorbachev's initiatives. With a 40th-anniversary NATO summit meeting scheduled for May 28 and 30, the U.S. and British

Baker (left) meeting with Shevardnadze and Gorbachev; another progress

officials are trying to share up crumbling support for their hard-line response to West German proposals that East and West open immediate talks on all short-range nuclear weapons. Said a Moscow-based Western diplomat: "Now the real fighting [among the NATO allies] begins."

After last week's meeting, Baker and Shevardnadze agreed quickly to their respective positions to keep allies Shevardnadze briefed representatives from Warsaw Pact countries. He then went to a previously scheduled meeting with officials in West Germany, which has led the demand nation NATO for change arms reduction talks. Baker, meanwhile, flew to Belgium for a meeting with NATO ministers, where—supported by the British—he reiterated U.S. concerns over Soviet attempts to link Eastern Bloc arms reductions to equal cuts by NATO. Washington estimates that the Soviet Union said at Warsaw Pact talks have an advantage of roughly 13:1 over NATO in nuclear flight short-range, even with a range of up to 500 km. Because of that, U.S. officials insist, the Soviet Union must make further unilateral reductions before talks can begin. The talks announced by Gorbachev, said Baker, were good but "incomplete."

Despite differences over short-range nuclear arms, last week's talks produced agreement as a series of smaller but related steps. The two sides decided that, in mid-June, they will resume talks at Geneva on deep cuts in long-range strategic nuclear weapons. And on June 20, they will also begin discussions on a possible ban of nuclear testing. As well, they scheduled working groups that will hold informal talks on arms control, human rights, regional problems and Soviet U.S.-Soviet relations. And when Baker and Shevardnadze meet again next September, they will discuss a possible summit between Baker and Gorbachev.

Despite the limited progress in Moscow,

both U.S. and Soviet officials said that Baker's first-ever visit to the Soviet Union did much to dispel a noxious myth that had been developing since Bush's election last November. Soviet officials have complained about what they see as the slow pace of Bush's response to Soviet activities. They have also expressed concern that Bush is attempting to escape from the burden of his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, in developing a more hard-line approach. In particular, Soviet officials criticized secret remarks by Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, who predicted that Gorbachev's reforms are likely to fail and that he could be overthrown and replaced by someone more hostile to the West. But Genshko's Genshko, spokesman for the Soviet foreign ministry, "We solidified that the secretary of defense needs more money for military programs, and how can he possibly restrain that if the Soviet Union is going away?"

Apparently embarrassed by Cheney's statement, Bush—through a personal letter that Baker handed to Gorbachev—expressed U.S. support for Soviet reforms. And he reinter-



Cruise missile: plans to resume talks on strategic nuclear arms

acted the point in his Texas speech saying that he was impressed by Gorbachev's glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring). Bush declared, "Mr. Gorbachev, don't stop now." And with the clear intention of encouraging further reforms, he also urged the Soviet leader's consistent problems by asking Congress to support the so-called Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which has denied Soviet

access to favorable tariff treatment for the past 15 years.

Baker and Shevardnadze discussed a host of other mutual problems. Citing America's help after last December's earthquake in Armenia and Soviet aid during the recent massacre all up and off the coast of Alaska, they agreed an agreement to cooperate in the event of future political emergencies. Bush also promised the other—but without agreement—to reduce tensions in Nicaragua by cutting down on supplies and support by Moscow to the governing Sandinistas and by Washington to the rebel contras.

Although last week's progress was modest, some observers registered a sense of relief. "There is a feeling, 'That things are moving again,'" said one Western diplomat. "And when a Soviet journalist criticized Baker's resolve to 'disagree agreeably' over arms control, a general Shevardnadze demurred. 'As long as we talk,' he declared, 'we might then agree to agree.'"

ANTHONY WILSON-SMITH is in Moscow and WILLIAM LUTHER is in Washington.

ISRAEL

The politics of health

A UN agency delays a divisive decision

For members of the Third World majority in the 166-nation World Health Organization (WHO), it was a tough choice: refuse an application for membership by the religious state of Palestine or risk the destruction of a UN agency that is critical to their own well-being. Canada, for one, had urged the WHO to sidestep its application for membership, made April 6, while Washington had threatened to withhold some \$100 million in dues if the state was admitted. And shortly before the formal debate on May 12 in Geneva, the Soviet Union opposed the move. After that, WHO's governing assembly voted 85 to 47 to postpone a decision for one year.

The debate had forced the international West to confront the developing countries, which are the most dependent on WHO's services. Most of those Third World countries, led by Arab delegates, supported the WHO application. The United States and other developed nations contended that the WHO, a state which controls no territory, was ineligible for mem-

bership. And the Soviet Union's last-minute decision helped to tip the balance against Yasser Arafat's PLO. Moscow's surprise decision was one of a number of signs that Washington and the Soviets might be seeking toward greater cooperation on the future of the Palestinians.

Indeed, the Soviet action followed Secretary of State James Baker's talks in Moscow last week in which both Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze agreed that Israel's plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza is "worthy of attention." According to a U.S. official, the Soviets also gave an "encouraging" though not definite response to Baker's recommendation that Moscow should restore full diplomatic relations with Israel. The Sov-

ets, meanwhile, proposed three-sided talks between the two superpowers, Israel and the PLO. At the same time, in a letter to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arlos, Baker said that the 130-000 East Jerusalem Arabs should be allowed to vote in the proposed elections—and that the vote should be subject to international supervision. The Israeli coalition cabinet is divided on voting rights for the Arabs of Jerusalem, which Israel seized after the 1967 Middle East War. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his right-wing Likud faction oppose Baker's recommendation, but Finance Minister Shimon Peres and his center-left Labor faction favor it.



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A VICTORY FOR BENNETT

THE CROWN HAD NOT 'ESTABLISHED THE GUILT OF THE DEFENDANTS BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT'

The three defendants arrived separately at the courthouse in Vancouver on a rain-drenched day on May 13. Each walked lightly and displayed only the slightest of smiles as they walked through a throng of 40 reporters and at least as many skeptical onlookers. When they hit the three men—former B.C. premier William Bennett, 57, his brother Russell, 63, and Barbara Singh (Bibi) Dumas, 46—were back on the street, looking relaxed and smiling for the TV cameras after being acquitted of insider-trading charges. During a two-week trial that ended on April 28, the Crown had alleged that the Bennetts used privileged information to buy shares from Donna when they sold 517,996 Donna Industries Ltd. shares last May 4 at a profit of more than \$2.1 million. But provincial court Judge Wallace Craig ruled that the Crown had not "established the guilt of the defendants beyond a reasonable doubt."

Inside the third-floor courtroom, Craig spent 10 minutes reading out 16 key pages from his 140-page ruling. He concluded that the Crown's evidence actually proved that William Bennett "made the decision to sell his shares, and entrusted his brother to do so, before he could possibly have received any alleged tip." But, despite the acquittal, the Bennetts and Dumas face two more potential legal battles. The Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) has also had insider-trading charges and plans to review Craig's ruling before deciding whether to proceed with a trial. As well, the OSC person that has launched a lawsuit alleging that it incurred

heavy losses in Donna shares after purchasing them on the same day that the Bennetts sold theirs. But as the former premier, smiling broadly, left the courtroom last week, he told reporters, "I mentioned when I came into the courtroom, when the proceedings first started, that I did not nothing wrong. I wasn't guilty, and I certainly, that was."

Craig's decision came as a dramatic turn in a story that began on Nov. 4, 1986, when the Bennett brothers, members of their families and a Bennett employee sold 517,996 shares in Donna Industries, a forest products company, on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE). Shortly after the sale took place, Dumas announced that Louisiana-Pacific Corp. (LPC), an American lumber giant based in Portland, Ore., had withdrawn a \$22-per-share takeover bid for his company. That announcement caused Donna shares to tumble by \$4 each to \$7.60 in Toronto. By undocking the shares for about \$12.37 apiece in the hour between the time

Russell Bennett's dramatic turn



Donna received the report from the U.S. company and the time the TSE bell started trading, the Bennetts—sons of former B.C. premier W.A.C. Bennett—made their \$2.1-million profit. That bursty, last-minute trading triggered a post investigation by B.C. and Ontario securities regulators. On Jan. 26 the B.C. Securities Commission charged William Bennett with selling Donna shares on the basis of inside information. Russell Bennett and Dumas were charged with both buying and selling shares in privileged information. And Dumas herself was charged with tipping off the Bennett brothers that the Louisiana-Pacific takeover bid had fallen through. Similar charges against the three men were also laid by the Ontario Securities Commission.

Throughout the two-week trial, the Crown built its case entirely on circumstantial evidence, which it said could not be explained away as coincidence or "a series of lucky breaks." According to evidence presented at the trial, Louisiana-Pacific chairman Harry Meritt phoned Dumas at 5:55 a.m. on Nov. 4 to inform her that LPC was dropping its takeover bid. Telephone records, introduced as Crown evidence, showed that the Meritt-Dumas conversation lasted 35 minutes. Two minutes later, at 10:49 a.m., a call was placed from Donna Industries to Dumas, B.C. to Russell Bennett's offices in Selkome. That call lasted only 10:14 a.m. and, six seconds after it ended, Russell Bennett's broker, Stanley Sneed, telephoned the TSE with an order to sell all of his client's 188,996 shares. The sell order was executed at 10:17 a.m. and, four minutes

William Bennett 'I had done nothing wrong'

later, William Bennett's 178,300 shares, along with 154,000 in the account of his wife, Audrey, and their four sons were also sold on the Toronto exchange.

Defense lawyers, who called on witnesses,

tail before deciding whether to prosecute the Bennetts. For the moment, an Ontario provincial court hearing of still scheduled for June 28, when a trial date is supposed to be set. But Peter Butler, a lawyer acting for William Bennett, said that he will oppose another trial on the basis of double jeopardy, the legal principle enshrined in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which says that a person cannot be tried twice for the same offense.

After the Bennetts and Dumas may still have conversations with the OSC. On May 1, counsel for the corporation's person had filed suit in the Supreme Court of Ontario claiming damages of \$2.6 million on the grounds that it had lost 251,600 Donna shares on the same day the Bennett brothers sold theirs. While the Bennetts, and their close friend Dumas, have answered one legal battle, they say the OSC lawyers will likely show up back to work on the next skirmish.

JOHN DEWITT with JERRY FORT in Vancouver

Business Notes

SCALING DOWN JOBS

Lesser money and fewer drug federal cuts at its Valley court, a Tulsa-based National Sea Products Ltd. announced that it will drastically cut back its salt-processing operations at Neri State and Newfoundland, N.Y. Sea president Gordon Gorman said that the company will close a plant in Ladysburg, N.Y., eliminating 220 full-time jobs, and will temporarily shut down several others, leaving more than 2,000 workers. National Sea—which posted a profit of \$25 million in 1986—lost \$5 million in 1987 and \$1 million in the first quarter of this year. Gorman said that the cutbacks were necessary because National Sea's fish quotas have been reduced by 134 million lb—or 27 per cent—over the past five years.

DOLLARS FOR DOUGHNUTS

George Meen, chairman of Toronto-based Uniscop Canada Corp., announced that a Uniscop subsidiary has bid \$300 million to take over Knoxville, Mass.-based Dunkin' Donuts Inc. With more than 12,000 shops in the United States and 15 other countries, Dunkin' is the world's largest doughnut chain.

SWITZERLAND CRASHES DOWN

Declaring that "Switzerland does not need dirty money," Swiss Justice Minister Kaspar Kobel announced that his government plans to outlaw money laundering and prevent drug traffickers and other criminals from using Swiss bank secrecy laws to conceal their profits. The government plans to make money-laundering a crime punishable by five years in prison or a \$75,000 fine.

MONEY ON THE BLOCK

The Soviet Union will auction Western currencies to Soviet businesses for the first time late this month as part of an effort to stabilize the ruble by converting it to a unit that the Soviet economy more closely with world markets. Economists say that the ruble is grossly overvalued at its official rate of \$2.80, which compares with the 10 rubles to the U.S. dollar that markets in Moscow can receive on the black market.

POWER SEARCHING FOR A BANK

Power Corp. of Canada chairman Paul Desmarais said that his company has about \$1 billion in cash at its disposal following the sale of its shareholdings in Consolidated-Bathurst and Montreal Trust Co. earlier this year. He said that Power is interested in purchasing a foreign bank.

A new hard line on trade

Washington threatens to erect new barriers

After President George Bush appointed him as commerce secretary on Jan. 31, Robert A. Mankamer arrived in Washington with a reputation as a rich Texas who enjoys lavish parties. A close friend of the President, as well as his chief fund-raiser, Mankamer was widely regarded as a man with more style than substance. But since his appointment, Mankamer has maintained a low profile socially. However, with the Bush administration deeply divided on how to deal with the \$143-billion trade deficit, Mankamer has emerged as a hard liner who wants the United States to renege against trading partners deemed to be erecting barriers to American exports. His strongest ally in the administration is Trade Representative Carlos Filo III and on May 30, Filo will announce the Congress with a list of countries—possibly including Canada—which, in his opinion, should be subjected to retaliatory action.



Mankamer: Filo: Canada cited as an unfair trader

In unilateral trade, any more than I believe is unilateral disarmament." Filo and some senior Democrats in Congress are also pressing for action against what they consider to be unfair trading practices. And on April 30, Filo released a commerce department report that listed Japan, the European Community, South

Korea, Brazil and Canada as unfair trading partners. Under the provisions of the upcoming U.S. trade bill passed last year, Filo has to specify by May 30 precisely which countries will have no eliminate tariffs and regulations that prevent American products from penetrating their markets. After that, they may face retaliation. But Canada may be excluded from the list of nations under the threat of retaliation because of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement—except through the U.S. trade deficit with Canada totals \$14.3 billion. Philip Trout, an economist with the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think-tank, told *Money* magazine: "All problems will be negotiated under the FTA. There would be no use of force and to risk a log row with Canada."

Although Filo and Mankamer have emerged as protectionists on trade, several key administration officials are opposed to taking retaliatory action against trading partners. However, Bush has not disclosed where he stands on the issue. The moderates include Secretary of State James A. Baker, Budget Director Richard D. Darman and Treasury Secretary Nicholas P. Brady. The clearest public indication of the split within the administration occurred on May 1, when Michael J. Boskin, Bush's chief economist and chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, attended a U.S. Chamber of Commerce luncheon. During a panel discussion, Boskin said, "We are starting to see an increase amount of backing of our trading partners." In a later interview, he added, "If it got out of hand, it could cause a trade war and a world recession."

With congressional frustration over the trade deficit rising, many observers are watching Filo's May 30 report to Congress as a major statement of the administration's approach to trade. In the trade bill, Congress adopted a resolution known as "Super 301." It is a clause in the omnibus trade bill passed by Congress last year which stipulates that by May 30 of each year, the trade representative has to provide Congress with a list of countries considered to have erected unfair barriers to exports. The length of the list and the number of offending practices cited will be sent as a sign of whether the hard-liners or the moderates have prevailed with the President. The administration has 12 to 18 months to negotiate the removal of those barriers to the specified countries. If the negotiations fail, the trade act requires the United States to retaliate against their countries with tariffs and suspended services.

According to economist Timme, the composition of Filo's list will provide a test of the President's strength on trade matters. The key issue, he added, is whether Bush will allow her to include Japan. The trade representative herself has been sharply critical of Japanese

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business, she says, attract American access to that country's telecommunications markets. Trade officials added that regulatory issues could include the imposition of a 100-per-cent tariff on many Japanese products, including facsimile machines and cellular telephones. That would double the wholesale price and dramatically increase the final price to consumers as well. And Tronzo: "If Japan is not on the list, there will be trouble. To some extent, the President will look like a wimp if he does not cite Japan."

Moreover, Canada will not likely be listed, even though it has good access to other trade partners. Those countries include beverages, dairy products, cosmetics or advertising, discretionary goods such as jewelry, poultry and wheat. A leading Washington lawyer who was deeply involved in the free trade negotiations, and who asked not to be identified,

said, told Maclean's: "The FTAs is the recognition of a long-standing Canadian desire for special treatment. Canada has always wanted to have free trade with the United States, while everyone else has more conditions." If there were no FTAs, he added, Canada would almost certainly be on the list. For fiscal reasons, if the administration chooses to add Japan to the list, it would would want to balance it with a Western nation, and that nation would be Canada, and the lawyer. As it is, Super 301 may damage trade with other nations, and that could benefit Canada. Added Tronzo: "Canada certainly has a place in the book of aid, but there is no likelihood that Super 301 will be applied against Canada."

But while Maclean's and other administration officials have been complaining about trade problems by foreigners, he has noted that there are other causes that are troubling

domestic U.S. trade deficit. In a speech to the Business Club of Detroit on May 6, he said that the federal government must play an active role in restoring individual industries at home if the United States is to reduce its exports. Declared Maclean's: "We need a strategy to stimulate, produce, market and sell world-class products in each and every industry," but for the moment, it appears that Maclean's and Mills are more willing to rely on tariffs, sanctions and other retaliatory measures as an attempt to reduce the United States' negative trade balance with its major trading partners. And so far, they have not targeted Canada—the nation's largest trading partner—from the threat of retaliation.

BY ANNE JENSEN with WILLIAM LOFFTIER
in Washington

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BUSINESS WATCH



Adventures in the rich art trade

BY PETER C. NEWMAN

While the stock market lingers in a state of confusion and big-league Canadian investors search for safe yet rewarding financial havens, art auctions are attracting ever more funds and converts. This month's major Canadian auctions at Sotheby's and Christie's (which will include some later sale pieces from the collection of Toronto's Joseph H. Lang, who was chairman of John A. Lang and Sons Ltd., which grew into one of Canada's leading leather manufacturers) are expected to set records. Just two weeks ago an old painting by Jean-Paul Ropelle was sold by Sotheby's in New York City for \$1.9 million, setting a world auction record for a Canadian work of art.

Seemingly years of international and Canadian classic ceramics have turned a trade formerly restricted to wealthy overseas into big business—a handy way of raising your annual after-tax while supporting a design education. Unlike the past, when bids reflected changes of heart among collectors, prices at the most sought-after works, including the French Impressionists and the Canadian Group of Seven, are spilling out of sight. During 1988, Sotheby's and Christie's (both based in London) with active Canadian operations—sold artworks worth \$3.2 billion (a 36-per-cent increase over 1987) and this year are having set to be even more active.

The boom is partly based on the obvious fact that it is much more fun—and increasingly rewarding—to have a valuable painting at home or in your office than stuffing a stock certificate into a safety deposit box. At the same time, the lucrative art market opens largely in secret and is probably the least regulated, yet legitimate, way to realize major capital gains. Included sales, including the 958 artworks that Japan's Tanaka Fine and Marine Investment Co. paid for Vincent Van Gogh's *Self-Portrait* in 1987 and the 987 million that Sotheby's bought from Alan Ross for the Dutch artist's *Emile de la Tour*, have made the headlines.

'Purchasing art does endow status. It's the same as owning a Mercedes or a Rolex watch. There is the pride of ownership.'

Last week two more records were set for the highest prices ever paid at auction for works by Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagall. Picasso's self-portrait, *Le Fumeur*, sold for \$52.9 million in New York City to an anonymous buyer, and Chagall's *Violence With the World* (Galerie Doree) was bought by the Figs Gallery of Tokyo for \$5.5 million. Moments later, another record was going for \$10 million—*Le Fumeur* and *Violence With the World* were sold for \$7 million. And on May 6, in New York City, Sotheby's will be auctioning eight Impressionist works from the collection of Robert H. Simpson, Jr. (the father of the late Robert H. Simpson, Jr.). One of the most famous of the works is *Le Fumeur* by Marc Chagall, which was sold for \$10 million. One of the most famous of the works is *Le Fumeur* by Marc Chagall, which was sold for \$10 million.

Our artists don't reach such heights, but Canadian art was recently picked as an ideal high-margin investment on Laila Ropelle's television program *Wall Street '88*, and a census of the world's art market by Jean-Paul Ropelle last year went for \$908,000, more than the 1986 record of the Laila Ropelle's *Wall Street '88* (which sold for \$500,000). Canadian artists are led by the works of Emily Carr, A. J. Casson, Maurice Cullen, Helen A. Y. Jackson, Paul Kane, Canadian Group of Seven, Jean-Paul Ropelle, Arthur Lismer, Tom Thomson, Frederick Varley, and among the modernists, Paul Kane, Ropelle, Jack Bush,

Osken Coughty, Alfred Pinta, Ropelle, Jack Shadbolt and Michael Snow.

An increasing number of successful Canadian painters now bypass auctions and dealers (who usually charge a 10-per-cent commission) to sell directly. Toronto's Charles Pachter, who has been among the most successful, said: "I have a few collectors buying in my own collection like stock. One Toronto businessman recently purchased seven I cherish the personal relationship between patron and artist, because it allows me to create an intellectual mosaic for what I do—a sophisticated consistency of my art."

Meanwhile, Sotheby's Canada president Christine O'Rourke recently told me: "Collecting is now reaching a new broader group of Canadians. Auctions make art much more accessible because it's democratic yet exciting way to buy. As a dealer's gallery, if you're firing through the door on opening night, you have an under selection advantage. We publish our catalogues a month ahead of time, hold preview for all prices, and everyone has the same opportunity to bid." Added O'Rourke: "We don't really provide art as an investment because we don't think that should be the primary criterion in acquiring paintings, and it certainly doesn't have the liquidity of real estate or bonds. But it is a great long-term hold so that once, say, ten years, you're probably looking at a substantial increase in value, sometimes as much as 300 per cent in 10 years. It's a very solid, there's no question that art objects can be used as protection against inflation."

Helping bring out the big leaders, Sotheby's has an active Canadian advisory committee, which includes such distinguished figures as John T. Reid, Mrs. Douglas Macleod, Mrs. J. Harold Craig, Don Kirk, Fred and Vicki Reisman, Fraser and Betty Ann Elliott, Bob Kingston, Mike Macleod, Lesley Vaughan and Hilary Watson. Its chairman is the Earl of Whitminster, a godson of the Duke of Windsor who has served as the Queen's Master of the Horse and who also was in Sotheby's home office board. The first, which dates back to 1744, last year turned a net profit of 20 per cent on a turnover of \$1.1 billion.

"Art is a wonderful investment," the earl insists, "especially with Japanese buyers coming into the market, something that we didn't really anticipate. When we first started our Canadian auctions in 1967, people didn't really know what to do and often ended up bidding a great themselves, but now they're a very knowledgeable group, able to see exactly when they want. It's become a rather thriving indoor sport. The bidding also reaches into a sophisticated terms match." Added the earl: "Purchasing art does endow status. It's the same as owning a Mercedes or a Rolex watch. There is the pride of ownership. People are acquiring it, they're keeping something that is beautiful that they agree they who share viewing their houses."

Art critics watch, as the American social critic and novelist Tom Wolfe has noted, providing themselves with a little bit of "The one in his right mind," Wolfe writes, "puts that kind of money for something he simply likes."



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GANG TERROR

**MORE AND MORE
BANDS OF YOUNG
THUGS ROB, MAIM
AND KILL—OFTEN
JUST FOR SPORT**

One evening in April, two teenage skateboarders burst into the Quebec City apartment of Jean Claude Bedford. They gagged the 42-year-old man, beat him to a chair, then proceeded to rob, torture and humiliate him for an hour and a half. They ransacked and vandalized his home. They kicked and beat him, shaved his head, ground

lighted cigarettes into his chest and shoved slugging pills down his throat. At one point, one of the youths even attempted to masturbate in front of Bedford. Even by the outrageous standards of skateboards, it was an unusually vicious assault. For drug-dealing Bedford, he is a child. He has the mental capacity of a 10-year-old and stands a mere five feet, two inches tall. One of the suspects who appeared in a Quebec court earlier this month, charged with the crime, was a six-foot, 130-lb. 225-lb. giant. "It was really unpleasant," said the prosecuting officer, Det. Sgt. Michel Gagnon of the Quebec police department, "a case of sheer gratuitous violence." That same kind of senseless violence is becoming common in urban centers across Canada. And it is being perpetuated by teenagers.

Next. They are youngsters who like to move in groups. Only a few of them are skateboarders, those outrageous daredevil youths with an affection for heavy boots, tight jeans and neon ribbons. Most, in fact, are conflagrations of the very people whose racist skateboard clubs—Asian, Latin American, black and caucasian class warriors. But like the skateboarders, the other young thugs share a fondness for inter-

dition and for roving darkened city streets in packs. Some are members of highly structured gangs, others coalesce into gangs for only a night or two. They trail in pairs, wearing their own importance with collective names: Larus, Los Dabitos, the Blue Boys, The Undeads, the Partners in Crime.

Many of the gangs are growing to be dangerous, with members who are capable of erupting into volcanic rages as they storm playgrounds in Montreal, exchange gunfire in Vancouver as focused as Toronto's sleeping mafia to engage in the better-known "sawing," in which gangs of teenagers surround, assault and rob unsuspecting victims. Psychologists and other experts speculate that potential racism and economic pressures may be to blame. But at times the sudden upsurge of youthful violence is as inexplicable as it is brutal, suggesting that British or the Anthony Burgess may have been closest to the mark when the teenage hero of his present 1962 novel, *A Clockwork Orange*, surreal again his own violence either than to remark, "There were like quiet and we were all like him, so we started what was left to be smashed."

Epidemic. Whatever the reasons, the phenomenon of youthful lawlessness is world-wide—and growing. On the streets of São Paulo, Brazil, young assassins known as *don-bosqueiros*—little cowboys—appear out of nowhere to surround unsuspecting adults and rob them. In Rome, as in many of the other cities of southern Europe, gangs of pygmies, recruited from the impoverished interiors of such countries as Yugoslavia, carry out random crimes. In Britain, Holland and West Germany, soccer hooligans and skateboarders have created an epidemic of lawlessness. Youth gangs are not rare in the United States, but the level of violence there is markedly increasing. Driven by both

the trade in illegal drugs, gang warfare has made headlines in Los Angeles since the fatal knife fight two months ago during a fight with a street gang outside a downtown night club. At the Viceroy, who works for the Toronto Council on Missed Abuse, told a meeting of concerned parents last week. "There is a new danger out there in which there is a lot of violence as being encouraged."

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in the cities of Western Canada, the problem largely—but not entirely—located within the immigrant communities, particularly among new arrivals from Asia and, to a lesser extent, those from Central and South America in central Canada cities, including Toronto and Montreal, centers loads of disaffected black youths coming mostly with gangs of middle-class whites. Police say such a diversity of gangs, psychologists and other experts offer a variety of explanations for gang activity—ranging from society's failure to assimilate immigrant children from cultural shock to the collapse of traditional family values among middle-class Canadians.

Born to. In Vancouver, where youth gangs have become a major problem for the city's police force, the activities of Asian gang members are mostly offshoots of organized crime. "Basically, with the Asian gangs, the purpose is to make money," said Sgt. Sgt. Gordon Spencer, head of the city's 14-member Asian crime squad. "They're into robbery, theft, extortion, pimping, gambling, prostitution and the importation, trafficking and distribution of heroin. Even at the school level, they're importing and trafficking great amounts of heroin." Police officials in Vancouver say that most of these criminal activities are carried out by five Asian youth gangs, which have a total of about 300 members. As well, Vancouver has about eight non-Asian gangs with a total membership of about 300. The non-Asian groups are mostly dominated by Spanish-speaking youths but include youngsters from diverse cultural backgrounds, including immigrants from Central and South America as well as Vietnam, Italy and Iran.

Whatever the gang members' racial or cultural backgrounds, police say that almost all of the gang membership in Vancouver is made up of immigrants who have done poorly in school and who have fallen through the gaps in the city's social service net. "I see gangs here largely as an ethnic racial dynamic," and Vancouver social worker John Turvey, who co-ordinates a program aimed at helping young people on the streets. "Basically, they are nonwhite kids who feel they don't belong to the mainstream. The gang provides a place where they belong, and that's exactly what we have not given them. The real issue is racism and our ability to not be sympathetic to immigrants."

William Young, 34, is a typical Asian gang



Gangsters by night: many dangerous members erupt into volcanic rages and exchange gunfire

young tide of youthful violence. Last week, a house in south Vancouver was fire-bombed in a gang-related incident, and a young gang member in a suburb of Toronto was jailed for repeatedly smashing another youth's head against a concrete pillar. So far in 1987, there have been dozens of similar occurrences across Canada. In February, a 23-year-old Lebanese was stabbed to death in Calgary during a dispute with a gang member of a Vietnamese gang. Similarly violent confrontations between gang members have become commonplace in Montreal, where ethnic tensions are increasing (page 42), and in Toronto, where youth gangs are rapidly increasing their membership (page

gang members show that they have been affected by the movie. Spies, a 17-year-old who belongs to an inner-city gang of Hispanic and Moroccan parents in Montreal, told *Maclean's* that he had seen *Cobra* four times. Said Sgt. Douglas McLean, a member of the Toronto police department's special youth gang squad: "There are few kids who cannot give you a play-by-play account of what that film is about." Meanwhile, young people across the country last week looked to see *Just English*, a movie that centers on a troubled Los Angeles youth gang member.

Across Canada, the shape and character of gang violence varies from one region to another.



Young vandals: a fondness for intimidation and roving dark streets in packs

SUDDEN, INEXPLICABLE AND BRUTAL ERUPTIONS OF VIOLENCE

erect. He moved to Vancouver from Hong Kong with his family in 1965, enrolled in a special high-school course to learn English but had difficulty adjusting to life in Vancouver. According to a court psychiatrist's report, Young was befriended by

Asian youngsters suffering from cultural shock. Typically, 16-year-old Lum arrived in Calgary with his parents in 1962 after fleeing his native Vietnam and spending two years in a Malaysian refugee camp.



Arrests in Los Angeles: gang warfare has made sections of the city resemble free-fire zones

Shook. Similar patterns of Asian gang activity show up in other western Canadian cities. Although there are some white skinned gangs in Calgary, most of the youth gangs in that city are made up of young Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian immigrants. Often, gang membership provides a refuge for

Lum has vivid memories of his first days in a Calgary school. "I was scared of all the kids because they were so much bigger," he recalled. "I could not understand anything they said. The other kids teased me I felt angry and alone." Last night that his parents were not

able to help because "they were working to buy a house and stuff. They lived worked in classrooms at night and studied or worked during the day. They were never home." Finally, in the depths of frustration, Lum simply dropped out of school and joined a gang.

Raffles. Youth gangs have also begun to create problems in Winnipeg, where battles have broken out between native people and Asian youths. "Lots of these young Asians have had a disruptive history," said Ying Hui, a Toronto-born, University of Manitoba edu-

in Toronto, a white majority of youth gangs organized youth both racial and ideological lines have begun to define a life in the city. For many Torontonians, the most unsettling gang activity is the phenomenon known as "manning." A raffle can involve anywhere from 10 to 60 kids," explained Sgt. McLean. "A kid will see something he likes—pair of shoes, a watch, a coat. He'll walk up to a person and pick an object. He'll be arguing with the victim, the other kids will surround him. If the individual gives them the watch, he won't be harmed. But if he resists, the kids attack." He added, "They do it for the thrill."

Peeping. At the same time, experts say that the youth gangs in affluent Toronto are the most prevalent in the country—and in some cases the most difficult to explain in terms of social and economic conditions. As in other parts of Canada, many Toronto gangs are organized along ethnic lines. Although the Metropolitan Toronto police department is officially reluctant to classify law-breakers by ethnic origin, some officers privately claim that as much as 90 per cent of the youth gang violence in the city is perpetrated by young members of the city's immigrant black community.

At the same time, police officers note that gang members often come from widely varying social, racial and economic backgrounds. Police have found youngsters from the city's most affluent and most impoverished neighborhoods in the same gang. They do, however, find a preponderance of white gangs, mainly black gangs and some steadily rising gangs. Police say that some gangs appear to be highly structured, while others form in an overnight fashion for the purpose of carrying out a single crime and then immediately disband.

Rated psychologists. "They are still reacting in terms of survival instead of a normal adolescent level of life. They are hindered by psychological defenses arising from the trauma they endured coming here, the language, the awareness of being a minority."

have deflected their anti-law-enforcement. Black gangs began to flourish there in the early 1970s, and Asian gangs became much more evident about three years ago. Now, violence associated with black gangs is mostly linked with the street drug trade while the Asian gangs are primarily active in extortion. Still, a newly formed organization, called M.A.S.C.—Machete Against Gangs in Our Community—is working with area youths to get out an anti-gang message. Said Cndr. Lerne Krizan, head of the Los Angeles police department's gang unit: "I see small clusters of people starting to traffic their backstreet activity. We are going to take back our communities." Sadly, such moves come too late for Ramon Ross and other gang war casualties.

ANNE GREGG in Los Angeles

1970s-style parenting when kids were told to do their own thing."

In Montreal, much of the city's most serious gang activity operates in the Haitian community, which—with 50,000 members—ranks as one of the largest in North America. Montreal Urban Community police have identified at least half a dozen Haitian street gangs. Last fall, Montreal police broke up a Haitian youth gang whose 16 members committed thefts and assaults. All of them had a bright streak of

from from Vancouver to Montreal agreed that the act—which provides special procedures, protections and sentences for offenders under the age of 18—is being exploited by youths who want it as a license to bend the law and create havoc. "These kids are well aware of what the Young Offenders Act will allow them to get away with," Toronto police Const. Gordon Barabach told a gathering of concerned parents at a high school last week.

There is considerable evidence to suggest



Skateboards as accessories for shaven heads, heavy boots, tight jeans and neo-Nazi ideology

yellow in their hair. They ranged from 16 to 20 years old, and most of them lived in a single, squallid apartment. "When we collected their possessions, they said they did not want to take these back home," reported Const. Charles Laframboise, a youth officer. "They could no longer control the kids."

Rebels. Still, Montreal youths have an unapologetic attitude in the Montreal area. Early this year, doctors had to perform emergency surgery to repair the severed leg nerves of a 16-year-old student who had been beaten in a gang brawl during a high-school dance in suburban Longueville. Police blamed the violence on a group of youths known as Les French. But strictly a gang, Les French represents a style that is characterized by a love for the black rap music—in which lyrics are spoken over a rhythmic, musical accompaniment—and a certain "bad" consisting of several points. Besides running shoes and Montreal Ponsard League jackets, police officers say that jilting Les French's leaders is one of the Montreal area's top priorities.

While gang violence assumes many forms across the country, Canadian police in recent months have been declaring that the overwhelming 2084 Young Offenders Act is making it difficult for them to control the problem. Police spokes-

men have held up the fact that young offenders are deliberately taking advantage of the law. Vancouver's Young Offenders court-appointed prosecutor Charles had been told—erroneously—that if convicted of shooting a rival gang member, he would receive only a light sentence because he was a juvenile at the time. In Toronto, an 18-year-old technical school student told Maclean's that he had given up his membership in the Rude Boys gang because he was no longer a minor. "I'm out of that stuff now," he said. "I just turned 18."

Power. The same student described how and why he had taken part in gang violence. "We used to meet downtown," he recalled. "There was no leader. We all knew each other. We used to go out and cause trouble—do property damage and break windows. When you're in a gang of 60 to 80 people, you get real kind of up. It's a real power trip." If the experts are right, that kind of school and dangerous power may also be the price that Canadians must pay for society's neglect of its younger members in the past.

BARNEY CAMEL and **LAUREN GILLIES** in Vancouver; **JERRY HOFFER** in Seattle; **PAUL KAMURA** and **ANDREW WICKHAM** in Toronto and **DAN BENEKE** in Montreal

DEATH AMONG THE INNOCENT

Ramon Ross became another Los Angeles gang sacrifice last month. The 17-year-old was riding in a car when two youths called him a son of a bitch and threw a brick from his backseat and that killed Ross in front of 35 critically wounded passengers. The reason Ross was wearing a blue Dallas Cowboys cap—and blue is the color worn by members of the Crips, one of Los Angeles's black youth gangs. Ross's associates were another black gang, Bloods, who wear red and who are sworn enemies of the Crips. Ross was not a gang member, but he was an innocent victim of deadly gang warfare. Every Monday, the city's newspapers pub-

lish a weekend body count—a gang member shot to death if a car was sprayed with bullets. Still, deputy Los Angeles attorney Ernie Cossack: "People don't act in their front living rooms because they are afraid."

The statistics show that the centers of Angeleno are well-fueled. Gang-related murders in the city increased by 75 per cent last year to 287, and half of the fatalities involved unsolicited gang killings of nonmembers. Police estimates put gang membership in all of Los Angeles County at 70,000, spread among 800 gangs. Still, police and community officials expressed more concerns about the gang's changed behavior. "Individual killing is a thing that once persons were communicating now," said Michael Gosselin, head deputy district attorney.

Gangs are not new to Los Angeles. For generations, gangs of Spanish-speaking youths



Gang headquarters: urban confusion, jet balls and a crack from a two-by-four

'VIOLENCE IS NICE. HONESTLY'

LIFE IN THE GANGLANDS OF THE YOUNG

The four vibrated to a deafening beat as black and white teenagers wearing baseball caps, polo shirts and expensive running shoes swayed to the symphonic strains of "Ruseau"—a form of black disco music that originated in Chicago. Across the room, a drunken male teenager grasped a railing and vomited near a group of girls wearing wide-legged dress pants. The girls laughed. It was a typical Saturday night at Club Focus, a discotheque for young people located near Toronto's City Hall. It was three years ago that the city's most notorious youth gang, The Untouchables, came after about a dozen middle-class high-school students caught off an attack by a larger group of skateboarders. According to a founding member of The Untouchables, one of his friends turned to the rest of the students that night and said, "Hey, they can't get us. We're untouchables."

Since then, The Untouchables has become

the largest youth gang in a city where gangs of all types are rapidly proliferating. While The Untouchables still exists and has about 200 members, a number of independent youth gangs have adopted the reviled, jargon-laden and Club Monaco clothing styles—and the name—of The Untouchables. As well, police officers say that about a dozen other youth gangs have sprung up in their wake, with a total membership of about 1,200 youths. They include mainly white gangs with such names as The Impassables and The Devils and predominantly black gangs that emulate the style of the Jamaican drug-trafficking groups known as "punks." They include the 444 Fruits and the Jungle Bunch.

According to police, gang members have used Club Focus as a meeting place to plan the "overruns"—street attacks on fellow teenagers or adult victims—ransoms and looting that have swept Toronto during the past two

years. Now, police say that gang violence could escalate as the result of rivalries that have developed among several white youth groups, black punks and dominos. Dominos at Club Focus began using metal detectors to search teenagers for weapons a month after a 17-year-old was stabbed to death in March during a gang-related fight at a club owned by the same management. Meanwhile, the growth of gang activity has sent a wave of fear through a city accustomed to safe streets and one-handed teenagers. "What motivates us?" asked a 17-year-old black gang member. "We like the violence and all that. Violence never, ever, stops. Honestly."

Reveler: At 13, Willy is a veteran of the gang life. A white student at Toronto's Dundas Technical School, Willy already has a criminal record for theft, assault, attempted theft and possession of a deadly weapon—a 28-caliber revolver that he says he never used. He spent two weeks in jail for two of those convictions and is scheduled to appear in court this month on a new charge. He is also missing two front teeth as the result, he said, of being head-butted by a skateboard who picked a fight with him in the school yard two weeks ago.

Willy also said that he was one of the first of The Untouchables and that founding members now call themselves The Originals. Although he no longer is an active member, Willy still has the characteristic Untouchables look—Vans-style sneakers, black Doc Marten boots, a stylized hooded sweatshirt and a crew cut. "We were serious," and Willy of his days as an active gang member. "It's the young kids who are causing the trouble now because they want to be like us. We're the olds. But we get blamed for everything because we are known as gang members."

Funcher: For their part, Toronto's black gangs have begun to descend on the city in large numbers. On Tuesday night, when some theaters offer reduced ticket prices, "We call this 'Nigger Night,'" said Rabbie, a 15-year-old black high-school student who joined about 50 other black teenagers outside a movie theater at the downtown Eaton Centre last week. Many of them wore elaborate "biker" jackets and numerous gold chains around their necks with rings hanging from them—a feature favored by drug dealers in the ghettos of large U.S. cities. Some of the teenagers wore gang members, and their growing numbers in downtown shopping districts have spread even more violence. In the last three months of this year, security guards at the Eaton Centre took up several gang battles. One guard said that he was punched at the head

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VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOLS OF HARD KNOCKS

Marcus Arevalo says now that his relief encounter with racial hostility last year could have been worse. A Vietnamese youth stabbed Arevalo in his left hand as a football field next to his high school in west-end Montreal last September. The 18-year-old refugee from the war-torn Central American nation of El Salvador managed to fend off his assailant before he could stab him again. The wound severed Arevalo's carotid artery and doctors say

that his experience will probably leave him permanently crippled, able to walk only with the aid of a leg brace. Said Arevalo, whose parents sent him to Canada in 1987 so he could escape his country's civil war: "I thought there were no problems in Canada. At the school there are many."

That incident and others have fanned among ethnic groups in Montreal schools as the spate of struggles to cope with students from a wide variety of racial backgrounds. St. Luc secondary school for one has 3,600 students, including Vietnamese, Latin Americans and West Indians. Said Vietnamese Dean, who has a 15-year-old son at St. Luc: "There are always fights at the school and a lot of the students carry knives. I think even the teachers are frightened."

Violence: The newest heavy flow into Montreal of new immigrant groups that have neither English nor French as their first language has added to the tensions that already exist between Anglophones and the majority francophones. Already, because of recent immigration, French-speaking students are now in a minority at several high schools operated by the Montreal Catholic School Commission, the province's largest board of education. Said Jean Perron, a social worker in Montreal's multicultural Côte des Neiges district: "The integration process of an immigrant is difficult. Sometimes groups are where these kids fulfil their emotional needs."

Often, bad feelings between youths of different ethnic backgrounds begin in the high schools and spill out onto the streets and transit system. Police patrol cars are stationed daily at several of the city's Metro (subway) stations. Last November, a 16-year-old student from Racine, Pa., high school in north Montreal was stabbed by a machete in an incident that led to the arrest of two students, one of whom was



Law-abiding St. Luc students: Bad feelings between youths of different backgrounds

was severely injured on her hands, back and neck during the assault, in which an axe and knives were used. Last fall in Louis-Joseph Papineau high school, where close to one-third of the student body is Haitian, some students became so frightened of gangs that they refused to attend classes. The school's principal, Maurice L'Italien, said at the time: "When the parents of one student learned that we had seized his knife, they asked us to give it back to him so he could defend himself."

Fear: By January, police were being called to the north-end school on a regular basis. As fear among students increased, members of the Montreal Urban Community police force agreed to a request from L'Italien to station an

officer at the school on a full-time basis. Said police Sgt. Bernard Lambert: "There used to be no cases of students threatening others for money and bus passes. Now we have them every day." Added youth agent Const. Claude Lalonde, who has kept an office at the high school since January: "There are worse schools than Louis-Joseph Papineau. We have a problem, but the police do not want to admit it."

Indeed, political sensitivity over the case

has increased to the point that some high schools now refuse to allow profitability into classrooms to report on the proliferation of gangs and weapons. For his part, Lalonde recalled that in the early 1970s the city's north-end schools had frequent brawls between French and Italian students. The finding recorded in the French-speaking gradually began to accept the Italians. Now, the challenge is for native Montrealsers to accept a rising tide of visible minorities—or risk dropping the city into potentially violent racial camps. Said Lalonde: "They must learn to integrate, and so must we."

DAN BURGE is in Montreal



WHEN ONLY THE FINEST WILL DO



Young Russian gang members: "Let us turn Kazan into a city without virgins"

GANG WARFARE, SOVIET-STYLE

JUVENILE CRIME STALKS THE U.S.S.R.

When teenage gangs in the Soviet city of Kazan declared May "love month" last year, local police brought in reinforcements from neighboring towns—and terrified parents in the city of one million people rebuked their children home early. The reason: the menacing reputation of the city's youth gangs, which number more than 60, and their then-new slogan, "Let us turn Kazan into a city without virgins." Although police later said that increased vigilance kept things that month "from exceeding the usual situation," they would not give further figures. Last month, the daily newspaper *Sovetskoye Kazan* said that as a result of a doubling of police patrols since then, crimes committed by juveniles in the city, 640 less than in Moscow, have accounted for less than 30 per cent. The paper added that rival gangs had divided Kazan into "zones of influence" and were fighting for control with brass knuckles, knives and even baseball bats.

In the Soviet Union, where officials have traditionally regarded juvenile delinquency as a problem exclusive to Western societies, those incidents provoked unprecedented debate. Although the country's delinquency problem has been growing since at least the early 1970s, it only became public after 1985, when leader Mikhail Gorbachev introduced his policy of *glasnost* (openness). And many Soviet critics say that youth crime in the Soviet Union has hit new levels of severity and frequency. Still, the author of a 14-year-old book who was quoted last month by a group of seven youths in downtown Moscow on a weekday afternoon "I no longer feel safe for my children anywhere they go."

Glasnost. Soviet police acknowledge that those concerns are increasingly justified. Moscow has been the scene of some of the most publicized incidents. Moscow police said that last year, more than 4,000 youths took part in at least 30 clashes involving rival street gangs.

Since the mid-1980s, many of the hippie-style young people who often congregated in downtown Moscow's Arbat pedestrian mall say that they have lived in fear of members of the "Lyubki," a gang of ultraconservative teenagers from the suburbs of Lysyetsky who have occasionally staged raids on the Arbat. In one especially grisly incident involving another group of youths last year, police arrested five teenagers who were single-killing three human heads over a board. The youths, who refused to say where they had acquired the skulls, told the police that they were making sacrifices.

But the scale of the problem extends far beyond Moscow and reaches communities of all sizes. In the town of Dnepropetrovsk, about 400 km east of Moscow, an estimated 30 gangs with more than 700 members protected 25 large-scale brothels last year in the city of 250,000. In the Ukrainian town of Keroviy Bog, police said that 20 young people were injured during what they called "war games" between rival gangs.

Violence. Sometimes, gang violence is directed at outsiders. In the town of Rostovsk in the republic of Rostovsk, last year, local police broke up a gang of teenage youths after more than a year of activities in which members openly teased about—and took photographs of—scenics involving robbery, torture and multiple rapes of teenage girls. They were finally arrested after one gang member gave evidence to police.

For their part, some Soviet teenagers offer complaints similar to those heard by youngsters in inner-city North American ghettos. Despite official claims that Soviet society is equal and classless, many Soviets acknowledge that it has an upper, middle and lower class roughly comparable to Western divisions. With Soviet youth becoming increasingly consumer-oriented, and consumer items now more difficult to obtain because of the country's economic problems, some teenagers say that they view crime as the only means of getting what they want. As well, some young people say that the sheer hopelessness of their situations often drives them to crime. One former teenage gang member, who recently described his past activities to several journalists, said that "all of us were involved in speculation and drinking in the black market, and nobody even bothers to hide it."

Confronted with such problems, Soviet parents and authorities react with a mixture of frustration and cooperation similar to that among their counterparts in the West. But despite periodic demands for tougher punishment and increased disciplinary measures to control young people, many Soviets acknowledge that the problems of their restless young city need solutions. Lamented one parent in a letter to the weekly newspaper *Moskovskiy Komsomol* earlier this year: "Where do we teach brutal intolerance among teenagers, since itself?" The people in both Soviet and Western societies, that question now transcends political borders.

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Destined for success

Metrol pop singer **Milou** says that she will triumph in English Canada—her way and in French. The 35-year-old granddaughter of Quebec playwright **Gervais Gauthier**, who has dropped her Gauthier surname, adds that singing in French is now "intuitive." The savvy blond singer also has a knack for marketing: last year, her home role



Milou: a knack for marketing

was downtown Montreal tavern to produce her first single, *Bye for now really*, created a sensation. Now, her Quebec concerts are sold-out and her debut album, *Si j'avais* has sold more than 80,000 copies in less than three months. And, as she predicted, two songs from the album are climbing the pop charts in English Canada. For Milou, success is no surprise. Added the singer: "I always knew I had this quality."

A working man's holiday

After playing one of the most demanding roles of his 23 year career, workaholic British actor **Ben Kingsley** says that his idea of a holiday is to become a monkey salesman. Kingsley added that he needed to break out of his last "completely ab-

normal" role as Nazi-hunter **Simon Wiesenthal**, whom he portrays in the three-hour mini-series **Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story**, to be rated on **First Choice** on June 18. For a change, Kingsley, 45, is playing a chimpanzee salesman in the comedy **Fifth Monkey**,

Kingsley salesman



Skating for freedom

Former Soviet hockey star **Alexander Moggi**, 30, says that he had to plan ahead. The forward, who is the first Russian player to defect—after helping his team win the world championships earlier this month—said that he believes that he will enjoy retirement in the United States more than in the U.S.S.R. Added Moggi, who has been drafted by the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, "I'm doing what I have to do now while I'm still young and strong."

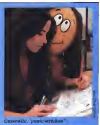
Moggi: planning for retirement

THE HONORABLE AUTHOR

For the first time, the British rearmament behind some of the most device espionage networks ever imagined will assist his Canadian fans, *See-no-Hein*. Spy novelist **John le Carré**, 57, has chosen Toronto for his first North American appearance and the launch of his 12th novel, *The Russia House*, on June 6. Said Greg Garsky, who headed the author for the city's *Newsweek* *Reading Series*: "I would like to say that he is coming because he's dying to see the new novel market, but I think it's because he feels obligated to his publishers."

No joking

Producer: a comic strip is no laughing matter for **Carly Gussow**, creator of *Carly Gussow*, 34, says that she often begins her work "pennetrates" that she will be unable to dream up new material for the daily strip, which runs in more than 100 newspapers. The cartoonist—who is co-writing the *Nelson & Carter* Society's *Reuben Jacobs* collection in Toronto on May 30—says that, like the Jewish Carls, she has a single and frequently calls her husband for help. Added Gussow: "An upcoming roll he even can always suggest me when I'm stuck for ideas."



Gussow: "pennetrates"



now filming in Brazil. "This is good for me because comedies are hard work, and I am in every scene," said the actor, who was an Oscar for his role in the 1982 movie *Gandhi*. Added Kingsley, who has starred in seven movies since 1967: "I have to keep working. That is how I reanimate. It does me no good to sit around on my bed."



The subtleties of inside information

BY GEORGE MANN

What is the significant moral difference between someone using private gain because information not generally available—it's called insider trading, people go to jail for it—and another expression receiving information that is guarded, known, why, and how could not have been innocently obtained, and using it for gain? If the moral difference is not great, the coverage is.

William Bennett, British Columbia's recent premier, was charged—and twice acquitted—by his brother and a third man, with insider trading. As charged in 11 television comments and 40 Vancouver journalists have visited outside a Vancouver courthouse to see these gentlemen in a scandal (which is the lay word used) come and go. But, when Doug Smith, Ottawa bureau chief for *Canada's Star* television news, broadcast into from a budget price given him by a person he chose not to name, that became a journalistic triumph. Ottawa's *Chalkboard* columnist, Margaree Nichols wrote, "Should it go down in the annals of journalistic fame." Linda Diefel in a *Toronto Star* news story called him "the reporter who blew the lid off Premier Minister Michael Wilson's budget." A page-width heading over reporter Susan Delacour's *Toronto Globe and Mail* story read, "How an anonymous telephone call led to crisis on Parliament Hill."

It didn't, really, partly because a public aware that the budget had been scheduled for weeks to be presented in the ordinary way for next day, anyway, gazed long and hard at the lid but blew off the media people there, saying, "Why should you go down in the annals of journalistic fame on that but remains obscure, seemingly even to him. He characterized his recent time as having the shell life of a hermit. Against that background, the worth of publicity accorded, outwardly and reported by his brother, has been remarkable, especially as it was for doing something not dissimilar from what the same brother would not acknowledge eyes at it other than journalistic cir-

A public aware that the budget was to be presented the next day proved less awe-struck than the media themselves

cumstances. Budgets are secret and read so that no one may trade on insider knowledge. But the media organization that is tipped a budget document and publishes the contents trades on the same thing. (We are agreed, I trust, that the media are at the business of selling information and, particularly in the case of television, excitement.)

With all that, it is necessary to add that the conduct of most members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, present and past, including this one, probably would have been to do the same as Smith—to grab the document and run. News is what is new. A major budget leak is not just news, it is Big News. It is the responsibility of a government to keep its secrets secret, not the media. The public interest is best served by making known everything that is knowable, with nothing held back. As a result, a columnist comes to a reporter without his having stolen it, or bribed or conspired with someone to commit a breach of trust to get it, then it's fair game, blab, blab, blab.

Whether the interest is sound in all circumstances is another matter. In many instances, the public interest makes excellent justification for the publication of, say, suppressed documents which reveal wrongdoing. The public

interest served by premature disclosure of information, kept secret, especially in the public interest is less clear. Only a few examples may just might make a look out of chaos to economy and equities markets the next morning would be better off for having it.

"I feel, as a reporter," Smith told me in an interview, "that the public interest is served if there has been a budget leak and there is information in the public domain, to get first in full public view as quickly as possible so the government can do something about it."

True, Global's disclosure caused the market—with a view to putting speculation to rest—to declare a budget speech of sorts to a news conference. (The Liberals and New Democrats had refused his request to return to the Commons that night to hear it.) But the same result could have been achieved by reporting—immediately and correctly on television by showing the document, prominently dated—that a leak had occurred.

The talk with Smith about conflicting public interests revolved around his protection of his source. He will not reveal the location of the secret station where the transaction occurred "to case the gap could be somehow implicated." He has said that he did not look closely at the man because he preferred not to be able to identify him. He has been reported as saying that he gave back the covering envelope because it might carry fingerprints. He told me that he did not remember saying that, and could not say why he had handed it back, but he did not deny it.

Smith's explanations are, first, that the source provided the material of a good story and second, that he, Smith, might "know better than the individual what kind of trouble he could get into." Those answers imply shabby pragmatism—that a reporter owes an obligation to someone who volunteers a good story, and that the obligation extends to ensuring a felon escape justice, which comes perilously close to the definition of accessories after the fact, which carries a jail term.

That leads to the other side of the story: the government's responsibility. The budget price can scarcely be said not to have been stolen, it was given away. However, the government's moral outrage has needlessly shrank, partly no doubt because the crisis disrupted daily when the public failed to become excited, but perhaps also because it surprises no one. For example, it is known, but has not been publicized, that the escaped copy of the *Budget* in *Britain's Express*—the owner was upside down and back-to-front—so that the English site operation on the last page of the French text. That suggests a repeat.

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ENERGY

Skeptical reactions

Controversy is growing over cold fusion

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Originally, the two scientists said that fusion had occurred because their experiment ap-

peared to produce heat and neutron emissions, which are characteristic byproducts of the fusing of atomic nuclei. Pons, a former professor at the University of Alberta and currently chairman of the chemistry department at the University of Utah, and Fleischmann, an electrochemist at England's Southampton University, also said that the experiment produced four times as much energy as the form of heat as they used to initiate the reaction. Posing and other scientists contended that the heat might have been the result of a chemical reaction involving the decomposition of the unstable compound palladium deuteride created in the experimental process—and not nuclear fusion. Facing a highly critical audience of



Fleischmann: errors

1,800 accounts at a meeting of the American Electrochemical Society Inc. in Los Angeles last week, Fleischmann acknowledged that a faulty neutron detector had registered erroneously high neutron emission.

At the same time, some support was given for evidence of cold fusion presented by a rival, physicist Steven Jones of Brigham Young University in Utah. On March 21, Jones announced that he too had produced fusion in a test tube, citing evidence of neutron emissions as proof. Last week, physicist Steven Koonin of the California Institute of Technology said that experimental findings presented at the Electrochemical Society's meeting tended to "confirm Jones, but they would not confirm Pons and Fleischmann." And in effect, the University of Alberta, who asked not to be named, said that Pons "was too fast on the draw. He didn't do that extra experiment to verify."

For their part, the embattled Pons and Fleischmann are persisting despite the mounting skepticism. Fleischmann said that they still hope to confirm their original findings after completing further experiments with improved equipment and techniques.

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The NBA's all-time highest scorer retires

During farewell ceremonies for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar that were spread over the entire five-month regular season, each of the 28 teams in the National Basketball Association lavished gifts on the retiring superstar. By the time the round of formal goodbyes ended in April, the 40-year-old Abdul-Jabbar had been given, among other things, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle by the Milwaukee Bucks and a mounted seahorse sculpture by the Boston Celtics. As Abdul-Jabbar participated in the two playoffs for the first time, the league's all-time highest scorer was returning to top form after playing halfeasily during the regular season. Last week, he helped lead the defending NBA champion Lakers to three victories over the Seattle SuperSonics in the best-of-seven conference semifinals. Said Lakers coach Pat Riley: "He knows



Abdul-Jabbar: extraordinary skill

the stakes are high and his audience are out." It was a triumphant conclusion to a spectacular career. Born Lewin Alcindor Jr. in New York City, the seven-foot, two-inch athlete emerged as a star of college basketball at the University of California at Los Angeles and made his professional debut with Milwaukee in 1969. He changed his name to Abdul-Jabbar in 1971 after adopting the Muslim faith and in the same year won the first of six most valuable-player awards. Traded to the Lakers in 1975, Abdul-Jabbar, with his trademark "skyhook" shot and his awesome ability to score on rebound shots, went on to chalk up more than 38,000 career points. And his extraordinary skill on the basketball court helped the now-Los Angeles NBA to become one of the most successful professional sports leagues in the world, with revenues of more than \$300 million last year.

Still, Abdul-Jabbar—who earned \$3 million this year—averaged only 10 points per game during the regular season, leading some sportswriters to claim that he should have retired sooner. There was no evidence that the Lakers shared that sentiment. The team's farewell present was a \$125,000 white Rolls-Royce. Bernie Mikaelson, the team's current supervisor, thanked Abdul-Jabbar for helping him to become not only "the player I wanted to become, but the man as well." It was a suitable tribute to an athlete who may say is the greatest player in NBA history.

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Rating the judiciary

A magazine's gradings cause controversy

Until recently, Canadian tradition has held that because of the special role judges play in society they should be beyond public criticism. As a result, the publication of a list of 67 of Canada's most and least respected judges in the May issue of *Maclean's* magazine has inspired a storm of controversy in legal circles. The survey—which heavily described some well-known Canadian judges as "egotistical," "shameless" and "rotten"—drew heavy fire from provincial law societies, which earlier had labelled the magazine as an effort to persecute politicians. As the protests mounted, Joe Calvert, a former president of the Quebec bar association, resigned last week as editorial consultant to the 11-year-old magazine. For his part, Bill Beckman, treasurer of the Law Society of British Columbia, criticized the *Maclean's* survey as unfair. Said Beckman: "It's a sensationalist kind of approach, very harmful and not productive at all."

The survey was the product of four months of research carried out by the magazine's staff under editor Michael Crawford, a 30-year-old journalist who earned a law degree from the University of New Brunswick. After mailing questionnaires to more than 3,800 Canadian lawyers, Crawford analyzed lawyers' judges and other legal officials. Crawford said he did not examine court records and news stories

nor counsel on one side and during cross-examination of the first witness told counsel to leave her alone because he believed her."

■ *New Brunswick Supreme Court Judge Hilda Nadeau* was described by survey respondents as writing "good decisions, is extremely capable and a hard worker." But some critics also called her "apologetic, petty and haughty."

According to the magazine, when lawyers appear in court they hear an inconsistent judge who is "polite, good listeners with a broad knowledge of the law" who "have all parties feeling they've had a fair and impartial hearing." Among those who made the magazine's list of "best" judges:

■ *Ronald Berger* of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench was described by survey respondents as being a judge who "displays an excellent knowledge of the law, listens attentively to arguments and delivers sound judgments" in his decisions.

■ *Ontario Supreme Court Judge John Morley* was described as being "astute and has a full grasp of the law." The magazine added that Morley was said to listen carefully to "counsel and is willing to acknowledge points, even if they contradict thoughts he has expressed."

■ *Chief Justice Herman Carruthers* of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court was described as being "flexible, fair with counsel and willing to admit errors." Respondents said that his decisions were "well-reasoned and difficult to challenge."

In the contrasting that flowed over the magazine's ratings, some lawyers—including British Columbia's Beckman and Canadian Bar Association president Patrick French—criticized the survey for being based on lawyers' personal experiences with a judge. "Should judges be judged on the basis of surveys which require people to submit positive or negative assessments?" asked French. For his part, Beckman said that having a survey on personal experiences could be damaging to the Canadian legal system. Said Beckman: "When you're named in the worst judge, what do you do next? If you want to contest a person's attitude or disposition, this is the worst way to go about it."

Bill Beckman acknowledged that efforts by the B.C. Law Society and all but two of Canada's 13 other law societies to persuade Crawford not to publish the survey had backfired—and inadvertently provided publicity for the magazine, which has 34,800 subscribers, mostly lawyers and judges. When the article appeared, Gilbert privately resigned his position with the magazine in protest and explained his reasons as a letter to Crawford. "It is obvious to me that not all judges have abilities of equal value," wrote Gilbert. "But even if some have qualities which are not shared by all, the judge deserves the respect due to the institution of magistracy and the person who fills that role." Whenever the survey's legitimacy or value may be, it obviously shattered the wall of anonymity that has traditionally surrounded Canada's judiciary.

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Family dynamics

The Gillis siblings win wild acclaim

Her muscles loaded with explosive potential, she tugged, grabbed and wrangled her way over the floor, without wobbling. Noted across the stage as a dancer of fluid arms and pounding feet, that kind of movement has become the trademark of Montreal's Margo Gillis, 32, the highly evocative choreographer-dancer who has established an international reputation as a solo performer. But her recent program at Montreal's Place des arts was unusual. For the first time in her 14-year career, she was sharing a full program with her brother Christopher Gillis, 38, a star of the Paul Taylor Dance Company in New York City and a choreographer in his own right. The two will take the stage, which runs at Place des arts until May 30, in Winnipeg's Festival of Canadian Modern Dance on May 30, including both solo and duets choreographed by each of the Gillis—as well as by Paul Taylor and by Margo's artistic adviser Stephen Ballouf—the program offers an unforgettable evening of dance. Adding the show's Montreal premiere on May 30, the audience of 7500 greeted the dancers with wild applause, a standing ovation and, in some cases, even tears.

The two eldest of four children born to former Olympic stars Gene Gillis and Rhona Wernick, Margo and Christopher started ballet classes together when they were very young. "You could say my partnership started when I was 3 and Chris was 5," Margo says in an interview. "My mom found these incredible photographs just the other day. Even then, Chris could hold me in a full arm lift." The idea of forming a real professional partnership, however, came to them only eight years ago, when the two experienced a diet of a cousin's wedding. "We felt this very special bond," Margo recalled.

Still, the logistics of matching their schedules proved them. From performing together as

in this spring—and the current show took a great deal of planning. Christopher's first commitment is to the Taylor company. He joined the educational modern troupe in 1979, and his work there has established him as one of the most intensely acclaimed male contemporary dancers in New York. Meanwhile, Margo has attracted large audiences on several continents



Christopher and Margo Gillis: 'a deep trust between us on stage'

with her solo appearances in 1973, she traveled to China, where she was the first modern dancer to perform since the revolution. And last year, she earned rave reviews on a tour of Spain. Gillis also remains one of the most popular—and bankable—contemporary dance artists in Canada. Her recent two-week run at Toronto's Pioneer Dance Theatre drew critical raves and, for modern dance, extraordinary

75-per-cent filled houses in the 450-seat facility. Her status has led to some off-odd recognition: a year ago in Ottawa she became the first modern dancer to become an officer of the Order of Canada. Still, despite at least 50 performances every year, Margo began only last year to draw a regular salary from the unaccounted foundation that bears her name.

Teaming up with her brother has persuaded Margo to perform a different side of her artistry—a bond in which her emotional expression is more lightly modulated. In Paul Taylor's *Duet*, created in 1964, Margo intensely drops her body around her brother in a masculine fashion never set to the slow movement of Joseph Bayle's *Strang Situation No. 7*, Op. 18. In his own newly created *Love Alphabet*, Christopher Gillis almost outpaces his sister in a quirky battle of the sexes. Grasping her by the ankles, he holds her upside down, turning her on her head, or rolling her around his shoulders. The next moment, he is whirling on his back like a New York firecracker. In other pieces, their dancing is imbued with a loving tenderness.

Of late, solo pieces showed that Margo is dancing better than ever. She has relied on old favorites in her up-lifting solo *Allegro* in that every move counts. One of her recent compositions, *Diene*, demonstrates that Margo's choreographic resources remain strong: It is set to Irish actress Siobhan McKenna's recording of Moby Dick's soliloquy as the James Joyce novel *Dublin*. The piece alternates between bursts of frenzy and moments of serenity.

The Gillis say that they would like to appear together more often if their schedules allow it. Margo's manager, Linda Fox, said that she, too, hopes to arrange some Gillis collaborations while continuing to focus on Margo as a soloist. But selling a solo dancer, they explained—even one as outstanding as Margo—remains no small feat. "I need out these absolutely glowing reviews to potential bookers," Fox lamented, "and back comes the same answer: 'Can't sell solo dance'."

While the Gillis' current teamwork is popular with dance audiences, it is also personally gratifying for the artists. "There's such a deep trust and connection between us onstage," said Margo. By returning to the confines of their family circle, Margo and Christopher have expanded the horizons of their art.

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Germaine Greer unravels her father's secret

DADDY, WE HARDLY KNEW YOU
by Germaine Greer
(Penguin, 262 pages, \$24.95)

Every child, on either how cruel or Meant in the way of parents, invents them to suit himself. Invariably it is older than they actually are. Because of the human need to make kings and queens out of mere mortals, morbidity may be interpreted as disguised genius, or indifference as emotional repression. And few are more vulnerable to delusions than alcohol children. At 50, Germaine Greer, the noted author and feminist, still suffers the wounds of childhood neglect, and not even her agile and well-armed intellect could save her from the convalescent life of looking at the truth.

At least since the 1970 publication of *The Female Eros*, Greer has been telling the world that her mother is vain, vapid and hell-motivated, but for her father she developed a secret



Greer: an emotionally tortured overlord

self spot. After his death in 1953 at the age of 70, she began to romanticize the man who had been little more than a shadow around the household when she was growing up in Melbourne, Australia. In 1966, she embarked on a two-year odyssey in the hope of clearing up the mystery of his angers and uncovering a nucleus in disguise. The result is *Daddy, We Hardly Knew You*, a finely observed—although long-winded—account that reveals more about Germaine Greer than it does about her father.

Daddy, We Hardly Knew You is the recast of familial egotism: parental biographies in which disaffected, run-of-the-mill offspring plot all their resentment against celebrity mothers and fathers. Big Greer, whose Germaine recently romanticized, was a handsome, elegant but undistinguished advertising salesman for a newspaper in Melbourne. Germaine, the eldest of his three children, raised out to be brilliant, glib and original. Her emotionally tortured memoir reveals the extreme loneliness of the extraordinary mind and the guilt of the son who is her contemptible man who should have been king. As well, Germaine was an unloved child, hated by her mother and ignored by a father who suffered from an anxiety disorder developed during his service in the Second World War. "I'll put my arms around him, he would groan and pretend to shudder and put me from him," she writes. "I clung to the belief that he was not genuinely indifferent to me . . . although I never quite succeeded in banishing the fear of such a thing."

The search for Big Greer took the author to India, Malta and many parts of Australia, allowing her to digress in a Victorian way about everything from airplane food to local flora and fauna. Although Greer is sharp-witted and unexpectedly well informed, her travel diary reveals nothing. Unfortunately, her father just about her background, and the simple task of finding out who his parents were took two embarrassing years. The indefatigable Greer risks readers to explain every dead end with her, to suffer the vulgarity of literary clerks and the banality of shoplifting angles.

The fruits of her labor are better disillusionment and shame at being found out as a fool. As she hints drily in the opening pages, her father seems not to be a cold, a inward cast of a fraud of minor proportions. When the discovery of her father's mediocre academic record, she angrily recalls how he would oddly approach her for an occasional poor mark at school. "And now I find that the bloody man was seven years older than a fifty percent in science," she writes. Greer knows the best of her father and, in the end, she cannot forgive him for it. That fierce, high-minded contempt was away at her, and she realizes that her own enormous nature has kept her from love all her life.

Although Greer's hatred evokes abstinence and compassion, her book is not the selfish tragedy that she wants it to be. The unadorned notes of her family drama is how the brilliant Germaine Greer sprung whole from such unpromising origins.

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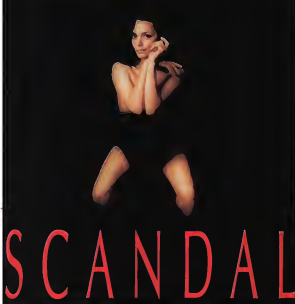
It is a gangster movie set in the clean streets of Tijuana, the Good. The year is 1939, when the bars closed even earlier than they do now. The bars is a low-key club where the film for a gamblers' night. She is the sex symbol Tereza never dared to love, a sultry movie commentator of Marilyn Monroe, *Palais Royal*—named after the vintage dance hall on the city's left-hand where the action begins and ends—after a local twist on a classic formula: a nice guy loses his sweetheart to a bad girl, who is really a nice girl in the clutches of a bad crowd. The film makes fun of Tereza, meeting place of petty mobsters, but Hagioguchi gives her a more complex role, one that fits the colors of nostalgia. When *Palais Royal* closes, however, it's a good spot.

Attempts to serve as a romance, a comedy, an adventure and a cultural book, the story fails to satisfy as all counts. Gerardo (Oscar Carrero) works as a doorman in an advertising agency, and he is the only person who knows how to open the door to his window. By chance, he meets her at a restaurant that she frequents, and a wild romance ensues. The film, which is witness to the director's first foray into feature film, is for all intents and purposes a love story. For all intents and purposes, *El Amor Camarero* is the bored girlfriend of a (tragic) happy homosexual. Taty (Ana Cordero), seduced by Oskar, goes to a room moonlighting as Bern's "Striptease Girl," leaving him around an "unreal" situation. The film is a love story, a love story, a love story. Besides (Don Stedman), says Taty's oldest wife and points to Gerardo's respectability as the worst of the bunch to "tempt the Good," that is, that they are all "just" says Taty. "I feel because it's a girl."

Stocked crates a Canadian-western version of the amazing crane lift he played in *Murder in the Mill*, Cronin is convincing as a spacer who pops Pea sandy and has a secret, poisonous juu. And Cudr's Odean, a sexy, stylish vision of peak lingerie and crime noir. But the narrative is as phony as a mafia front. Despite the sleek, stylish look created by director Martin Luvit, *Poison Beach* is just another empty slice.

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FOR THE RECORD

A new beat in Big Easy

New Orleans musicians are thriving on hot sounds

Steeped in vodoo lore, New Orleans has a reputation for creating a spell on visitors. Known to its residents as "the Big Easy," the city has a French, Creole and a Jewish and Spanish colonial heritage that give it an atmosphere unique in North America. Tourists are charmed by its annual Mardi Gras festivities and its world-famous Cajun cuisine. But for many people music provides the city's most potent magic. Although it has long been associated with such traditional styles as Dixieland, New Orleans also produced some of the liveliest rhythms and blues of the 1950s. Later, its musicians provided rock 'n' roll with exotic flavorings. Now, the city is experiencing a musical boom that extends from jazz to such regional genres as zydeco. Earlier this month, as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of its popular Jazz and Heritage Festival, New Orleans artists presented a host of recordings on major labels. And the best, *Yellow Moon*, by the veterans Neville Brothers, is a musical gem that draws heavily on local styles.

Produced in New Orleans by Canada's David LaRocca, whose credits include albums by U2, Peter Dinklage and Robbie Robertson, *Yellow Moon* promises to introduce The Neville Brothers to a new, wider audience. The four siblings—Art, Aaron, Charles and Cyril—have long attracted an adoring following with their mix of ragged rhythms and tender vocals. Such early albums as *The Wild Tchoupatcha* and *Pyo on the Bayou*, rooted in infectious Mardi Gras chants, Afro-Caribbean rhythms and vodoo ceremonies, attracted cult status. But aside from Aaron's 1986 debut, *Tell It Like It Is*, the band has never had a hit record. And its controversially oriented 1987 album, *Uptown*, was widely criticized for abandoning the Neville heritage. LaRocca, when the group now refers to as its "husband," was a sympathetic not Saint Louis. "The Nevilles have wonderful vocals, a strong sense of tradition and one of the best rhythms sections in the world. I couldn't say no to that."

Yellow Moon is a confident return to the band's roots. The title track, in which Aaron sings of his desperate search for a cyrille woman, blends a wailing, saxophone solo with a throbbing reggae beat. The doozy rhythm *We Use It* is a lament about being caught in a lover's trance. And the spirited ending band music of *Wild Aquas* thumps the listener headlong into

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the goddess of a Miami Gaze parade.

But sense of *Yellow Moon's* best songs come from ground. *Stake Drive* is a warning to dealer in Ross Paros, the black woman who helped to spark the civil rights movement of the 1960s by refusing to give up her seat on the white-only section of a bus in Montgomery, Ala. And the Needles have chosen to record several classic songs from that era. They give a fresh political slant to Sam Cooke's gospel-tuned *A Change in Gonna Come* and to Bob Dylan's moody song *With God on Our Side*, both of which feature Aretha's baritone, smoky tenor. And the group takes *The Scales of Hebe Brown*, Dylan's chilling tale of racial poverty, and casts it in the spooky atmosphere of a beyond swamp. Each song is starkly arranged with a rife, undistorted sound—in Loucas' trademark, shimmering with mystery and beauty. *Yellow Moon* should be the record

to finally leaving the Needles out of religion.

Another return of New Orleans music: Dr. John, a bassist gaining a higher profile. Born John Kennedy, Dr. John enjoyed fame in the late 1960s as the vocal front of psychobilly rock. But later, after he dropped that image—and based on his jazz and blues-based jazz style—his career went into decline. Now, Dr. John is back with a great collection of new standards, *It's a Southern Mind*, which features the spirit of his unbelovedly romantic. But Dr. John is also backed on two other recordings by New Orleans artists: *The Dirty Dozen* (from John's eponymous *Psychobilly*) and *Dr. John's* (from the eponymous *Dr. John's*). *It's a Southern Mind*, which features the spirit of his unbelovedly romantic. But Dr. John is also backed on two other recordings by New Orleans artists: *The Dirty Dozen* (from John's eponymous *Psychobilly*) and *Dr. John's* (from the eponymous *Dr. John's*).

in—of 30—already a major jazz talent.

The landscape of jazz, New Orleans has spawned scores of artists and a wealth of musical ideas. Currently, the smothered-driven styles of Cajun and zydeco music are experiencing mainstream acceptance. And major label releases by such artists as Buckwheat Zydeco, Wayne Toussaint, J. D. Souther and especially Zachary Richard attest to the crossover potential of that sound. For Loucas—who is now producing an album for Dylan and recording his own Louisiana-inspired album, *Wild America*, in his New Orleans studio—the reason for the appeal of all New Orleans music is simple: rhythm. Soul Loucas: "It's one of those things that, once you hear it, you just can't shake it." From his grey melting pot of cultures, New Orleans continues to serve up some sizzling sounds.

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MARSHALL MCLuhan THE KNOWN AND THE MESSAGE

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books only because, Marshall wrote, he couldn't stop himself from inventively stating the ideas of the reigning professor. Instead, McLuhan took a lesser scholarship in Cambridge, where he was influenced by the books of the incredible British writer and poet W. H. Auden, who passed his interest in literature to McLuhan. He also came under the sway of Roman Catholic novelist-essayist G. K. Chesterton and, in 1937, McLuhan became an ardent Catholic convert.



McLuhan two-thirds fascinating, one-third "mad"

clear literary works that he used in the course of his work. While lecturing at the University of Toronto, he sometimes blazed out in mid-sentence in front of appalled students and stood abruptly to leave. He was overheard off his imaginary book "My name," the noted American critic Leslie Fiedler said after McLuhan's death on the last day of 1980, "was that he was two-thirds as classically fascinating as a lot of society and culture and one-third mad." But in his accomplished biography, *Marshall McLuhan: The Known and the Message*, Norman Solomon suggests that, while McLuhan had always been eccentric, much of his odd behavior in his last 13 years was a result of the severe afflictions of a brain tumor. Even after the growth was removed in a second 15-hour operation in 1967, McLuhan suffered from memory loss and other complications, which he tried to conceal, unsuccessfully. A former student of McLuhan at the University of Toronto, Marshall contends that while his illness helped to damage his public reputation in the 1970s, McLuhan's body of work confirms his status as the preeminent guru of the electronic age.

Born in equestrian circumstances in Edmonton in 1911, Herbert Marshall McLuhan was the son of an accountant, amateur reader and a newspaper editor. Obsessed from an early age with the notion of becoming a great man, McLuhan excelled at the University of Manito-

ba. "The medium is the message."

Said, it took McLuhan almost 30 years to achieve wide recognition. During this period, he taught English literature at universities throughout North America, ending up in 1946 at the University of Toronto. Then, with the publication of *The Gutenberg Galaxy* (1962) and *Understanding Media* (1964), McLuhan gained his stature as one of the most original thinkers of the century.

But, as Marshall wrote, McLuhan's rise to prominence did not make him universally loved—or even admired. He considered himself a poor Catholic family man, yet he abhorred his materialist and ignorant wife and children. Publishers often found him overbearing, and colleagues often found him overbearing. He considered himself a poor Catholic family man, yet he abhorred his materialist and ignorant wife and children. Publishers often found him overbearing, and colleagues often found him overbearing. He considered himself a poor Catholic family man, yet he abhorred his materialist and ignorant wife and children. Publishers often found him overbearing, and colleagues often found him overbearing.

Still, Marshall has not written just another drinking biography. The Marshall McLuhan who emerges from his book is fundamentally decent—in the author's words, "a cheerful, effusive man." Given that he was often attacked and misunderstood, McLuhan's outpourings pose a riddle for the reader as to how and why. And, in his last years, he suffered declining health with considerable grace and fortitude. In his biography, McLuhan was compared to such monumental figures as Sigmund Freud and Charles Darwin. Marshall's fine biography suggests that, ultimately, such lofty comparisons are not justified.

NORMAN SOLOMON

MACLEAN'S BEST-SELLER LIST

FICTION

- 1 *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, Irving (2)
- 2 *Shirley*, Stein (2)
- 3 *The Search of Time*, Sheldon (2)
- 4 *The Magicians*, Jorgensen (2)
- 5 *The Inferno*, Harris (2)
- 6 *Can't You Hear Me Now*, (2)
- 7 *A Season in Hell*, Anglin (2)
- 8 *Midnight*, Evans (2)
- 9 *Baby Ruthless*, Lawrence (2)
- 10 *Wildcat*, Thomas (2)

NONFICTION

- 1 *Down With MacLean* (2)
- 2 *Shirley*, Stein (2)
- 3 *Midnight*, Evans (2)
- 4 *Wildcat*, Thomas (2)
- 5 *Law and Morality*, Galt (2)
- 6 *A Brief History of Time*, Hawking (2)
- 7 *King of Bees*, Parker (2)
- 8 *The Book of David*, (2)
- 9 *General Quarters*, (2)
- 10 *The Worst Quarters*, (2)

(1) Previous list only.

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Protecting a city from its lake

BY ALLAN FOTHERINGHAM

Toronto, in its own way, is a very strange place. It is the only place in Canada where the town's chief concern, every time he goes into hospital threatening to die, is to ensure the price of the shares in the newspaper drops to even to keep it afloat on the stock market. It is also the only place in North America that has three lively and competitive and profitable newspapers. It is also undoubtedly the only city in the world that lives on the water where you can't see the water.

It is one of the great secrets of our time that Toronto is situated on Lake Ontario. It can be detected if you look at a map or an atlas, but you can't detect it if you live in Toronto. You might as well be residing in Yarkton. There are people who are born, live and die in Toronto, knowing Vancouver's Pacific and Halifax's Atlantic and never once seeing the open water that washes on the city's shores.

To achieve the impossible—having a huge lake that is a nice nuisance—took some ingenuity, but Toronto has managed it. For instance, it built one of the earliest sewers of the century as part of Berke Wall to barricade the city from the water. It is called the Gardiner Expressway, named after the builder of a crew leader who massacred it. It is a concrete conduit of concrete high as the sky with enough pillars, no more, off course, to support and break down trees to sufficiently obscure any possible view of the lake to suggest that a helicopter pilot.

In case there is any chance that a human being, as opposed to a cat, might see over, under or through that massive, the city is directly allowing in the massive concrete the necessary pocket force of massive construction for the 3,000 millionaires who wish to purchase a new car of the lake. The old warehouses and docks on the waterfront have been demolished. Instead, a mini-Manhattan to shield from forbidden eyes the evil night of water. Toronto, however, since it gives and steel that house the dollars rise to fill in the few precious glimpses of distant lake water. It has been a difficult task to block



almost every view but by diligence they have achieved it.

Toronto also had its chance. The SkyDome, to open on June 2, at first sits on the level that was supposed to be Toronto's first public park—filled by potlatch graft and shabby greed. In the 1830s, there was a dream of a great park for the citizens on the beachfront. With some restrictions by Toronto's survivors of the time slow walking paths and trees and laughing children to follow. According to official city council minutes, someone talked about putting a park south of Front Street as early as 1836. This was two years after the city was incorporated. Population 4,252.

Li-Gee de France Bond Road committed a study for the park but by 1850 (the late Toronto appears), John G. Brown was elected alderman on a platform of railway development. The population of the new core of Upper Canada had reached 35,000. Rows

also happened to be an owner of the Toronto and Guelph Railway, which obviously sped the harbor for shipping and wanted its train allowed into the centre of the city. By 1853, he was major and rich, selling his railway to the Grand Trunk Railway, and sail lines on the supposed park had easily got casual approval.

Toronto seems to have learned nothing from Vancouver or San Francisco, where public outrage over loss of ocean views has killed off development. In San Francisco, there is the magnificent sight of one elevated freeway that ends in the sky—construction halted in mid-concrete. In Vancouver, a brilliant plan by Toronto's First Science Branch class to erect an expensive express across the entrance to Stanley Park was blocked after a long fight by some of us who cared.

Toronto, in its worship of ignorance, is about to send the world's largest graffiti. On these newspapers, it has packed right at the foot of the CN Tower a convenient omission, the Roy Thomson Hall. Owned by the family of that connector of the arts and now the SkyDome. On a delicious example of retroactive graft, Canadian National Railways, which took over the Grand Trunk Railway after the First World War, "leased" \$35 million worth of land and services to SkyDome would be built where longed children or shales were meant to be. And they're broken ground on the same site for the new CBC headquarters. When everybody shows up at once, the traffic jam is going to occur in Hamilton and not in Oshawa.

No one in the Toronto planning department obviously has ever been to a sporting event as a symbol of consent. I visited with amusement the row of the earliest at Thomson Hall in the suite of Bedford's Park where they have the downtown core, not even in the open. In the open, SkyDome greeting a George Bell house or an Anglo-Canadian 1 I can't understand why these people don't check with me first.

Everyone in the world outside Toronto knows that, essential for the sanity of the population, is the only, collecting view of water. You can't move in Vancouver or San Francisco without the Vancouver-like effect on the eyes. You can't go anywhere in London or Paris without causing a bridge over the Thames or the Seine. All the great cities are built on water—which was the original reason, transport, for their existence.

Some day, somehow, Toronto is going to realize that it is built on a lake. Only it can't see it.



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